

Salt Lake County Emergency Winter Shelter Plans 2024-25

October 15, 2024



Winter Services Statute

35A-16-502. Winter response plan required -- Contents -- Review -- Consequences after determination of noncompliance.

(1)(a) The task force for an applicable county that is a county of the first class shall annually prepare and submit to the office a winter response plan on or before August 1 in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

(7)(b) For purposes of Section [35A-16-502.5](#), an applicable county is in noncompliance with this section if:

- i. the applicable county's task force fails to submit a timely winter response plan under this section; or
- ii. the office determines that the winter response plan prepared for the applicable county does not comply with this section.

Winter Services Statute

35A-16-502.5. County noncompliance with winter response plan requirements.

(2)(a) the office [of Homeless Services] may authorize:

- i. the expansion of a homeless shelter's capacity limit by up to 25%; and
- ii. the operation of one or more temporary winter response shelters;

(4) A temporary winter response shelter authorized by the office under this section may not be converted into a permanent facility after April 15, 2026, without the consent of the municipality in which the facility is located.

2024-25 Winter Plan Beds

Overflow Beds

Code Blue Beds

West Valley Facility	200	2nd and 2nd location 1	85
Geraldine E King Flex	50	2nd and 2nd location 2	85
Pamela Atkinson Resource Center Flex	75	Geraldine E King Flex	20
Gail Miller Flex	50	Gail Miller Flex	20
St Vincent de Paul	65	Pamela Atkinson Resource Center Flex	30
Micro Units in SLC	50	Family Hotel Rooms	10
Ville Facility in SLC	210		
Youth & Family beds	32		
Totals:	732		250
Seasonal Goals:	900		100

Total Winter Plan Beds: 982

Accessing Winter Plan Beds

Informational flyers w/ phone numbers dispersed starting today

801-990-9999 7am-5:30pm 7 days/week

Youth (up to age 23): Contact YRC

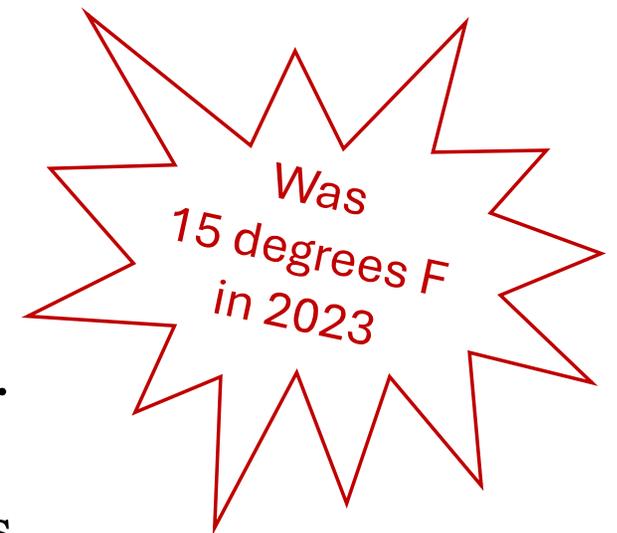
Families: Call Midvale Family Shelter

Single Adults: Contact individual HRC's/ 801-990-9999

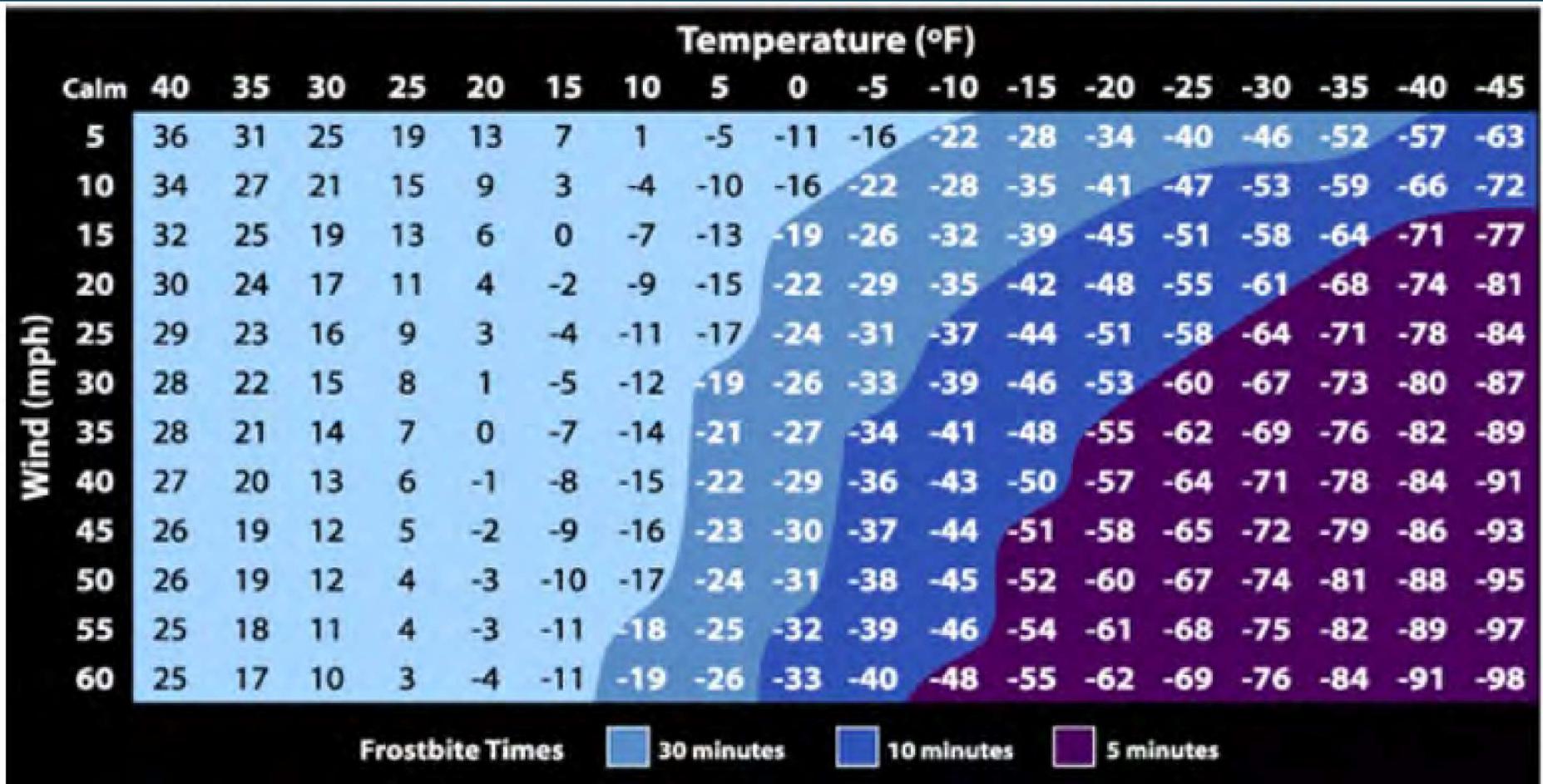
Code Blue: 7pm-7am- Go to 2 church sites or Weigand Center

Code Blue Legislation

- The alerts are issued, by county, when temperatures in specific areas are expected to:
 - Increased to **18 degrees F**
 - including the wind chill,
 - for 2 hours or more during a 24-hour period.
- Only applies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class counties.
- Alerts will be in effect for 24 hours.
- Provisions, as defined in Utah Code 35A-16-703, take effect.



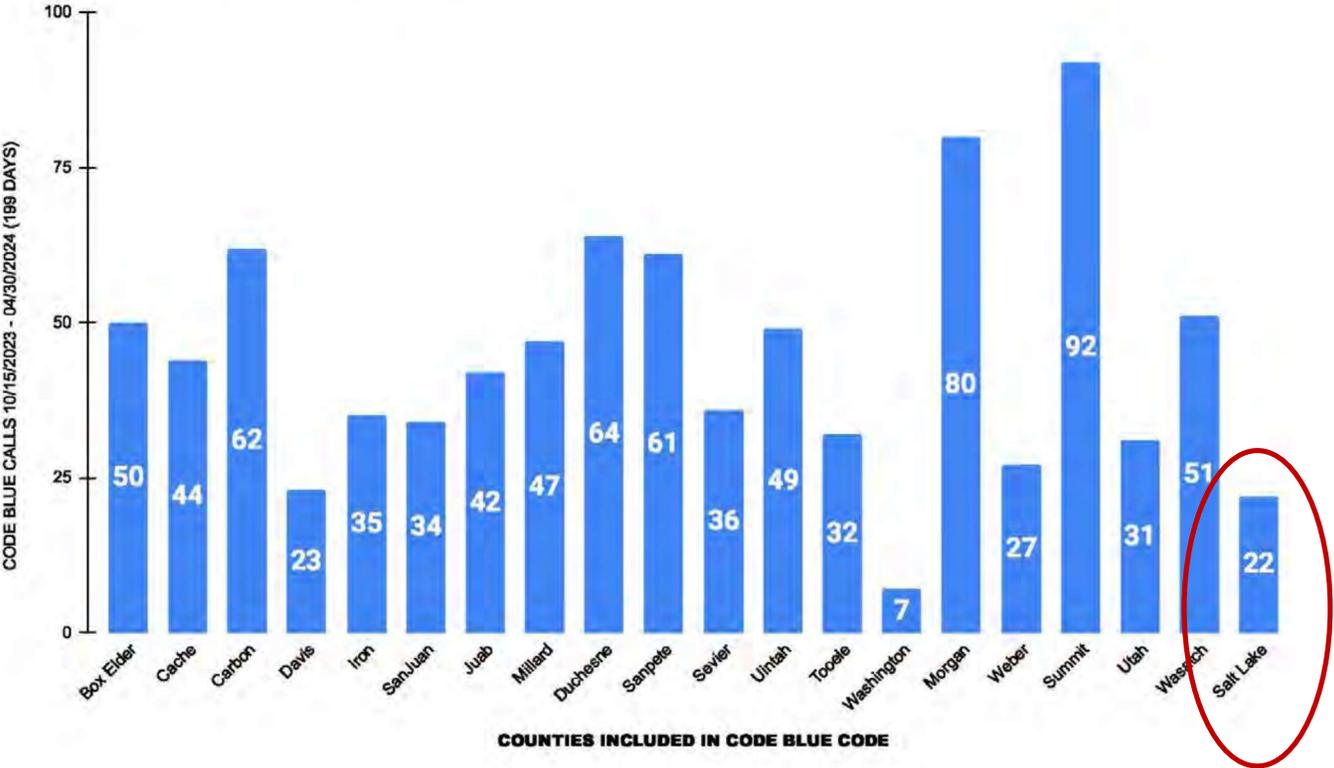
National Weather Service Windchill Chart



Code Blue Notification Days

2023-2024 Code Blue Notifications by County

National Weather Service indicated Code Blue days



Code Blue Provisions - Code 35A-16-702

- A homeless shelter may **expand the homeless shelter's capacity limit by up to 35%** to provide temporary shelter to any number of individuals experiencing homelessness, so long as the homeless shelter is in compliance with the applicable building code and fire code;
- A homeless shelter, in coordination with the applicable local homeless council, shall **implement expedited intake procedures** for individuals experiencing homelessness who request access to the homeless shelter;
- A homeless shelter **may not deny temporary shelter to any individual experiencing homelessness who requests access to the homeless shelter for temporary shelter unless the homeless shelter is at the capacity** limit described in Subsection (1) **or if a reasonable individual would conclude that the individual presents a danger to public safety;**
- **Any indoor facility owned by a private organization, nonprofit organization, state government entity, or local government entity may be used to provide temporary shelter** to individuals experiencing homelessness and is **exempt from the licensure requirements** of Title 26B, Chapter 2, Licensing and Certifications, for the **duration of the code blue alert and seven days following the day on which the code blue alert ends**, so long as the facility is in compliance with the applicable building code and fire code **and the governing body of the organization or the legislative body of the government entity that owns the facility approves the use;**
- Homeless shelters, state and local government entities, and other organizations that provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness shall **coordinate street outreach efforts to distribute to individuals experiencing homelessness any available resources** for survival in cold weather, including clothing items and blankets;
- **A state or local government entity, including a municipality, law enforcement agency, and local health department, may enforce a camping ordinance but may not seize from individuals experiencing homelessness any personal items** for survival in cold weather, including clothing, blankets, tents, and sleeping bags; and
- **A municipality or other local government entity may not enforce any ordinance or policy that limits or restricts the ability for the provisions described in Subsections (1) through (5) to take effect, including local zoning ordinances.**

Updated Provisions in 35A-16-703

- REMOVED** - (6) if no beds or other accommodations are available at any homeless shelters located within the affected county, a municipality may not enforce an ordinance that prohibits or abates camping for the duration of the code blue alert and the two days following the day on which the code blue alert ends;
- (7) RENUMBERED AND MODIFIED TO-** (6) a state or local government entity, including a municipality, law enforcement agency, and local health department, **may enforce a camping ordinance** but may not seize from individuals experiencing homelessness any personal items for survival in cold weather, including clothing, blankets, tents, and sleeping bags;

Code Blue Alert System

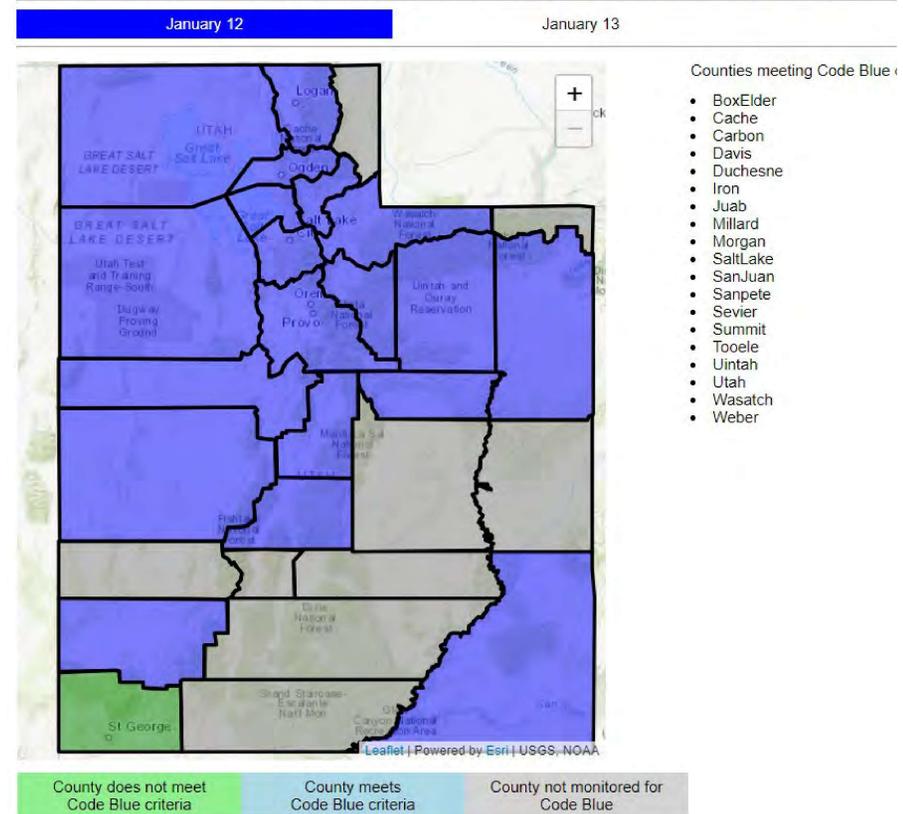
- Utah Notification and Information System
- County-based alert groups
- Register 2-3 representatives per organization:
 - Homeless shelters
 - County/city managers
 - Local health departments
 - Law enforcement agencies
 - Local homeless councils
 - Emergency managers
- Communicate by email, phone call, and text message



Code Blue Communications

- SLCo LHC Web Site:
 - <https://endutahhomelessness.org/code-blue-2024-2025/>
- State Web Site:
 - <https://dhhs.utah.gov/code-blue-utah/>
- Sign Up For Alerts:
 - Utah Notification and Information System— <https://unis.utah.gov>
 - Join your county listed under the Code Blue Alert organization
 - Alerts issued for affected counties everyday at 8:00am
- Office of Homeless Services [Daily Bed Availability dashboard](#).
- [Sign Up For Emails from SLCo regarding Code Blue](#)

This forecast is valid for 24 hours, beginning January 12 at 8:00 am, and was prepared Fri Jan 12 04:17:11



Questions?



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