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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES A TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Winter Weather Advisory in effect for New York City on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to midnight

Alternate Side Parking Regulations are suspended on Tuesday; parking meters remain in effect

January 25, 2021 — The New York City Emergency Management Department has issued a travel advisory for Tuesday, January 26. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for New York City in effect from 7 a.m. Tuesday through midnight. A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain may cause travel difficulties during Tuesday's morning and evening commutes.

According to the latest National Weather Service forecast, a wintry mix of light rain, sleet and snow will begin early Tuesday morning and continue intermittently throughout the day becoming increasingly steady by the evening commute. A total of 1 inch of snow and 1/4 to 1/2 inch of sleet and rain is forecast, with the potential for a thin coating of freezing rain in the afternoon and early evening. Precipitation will begin to taper off after midnight with isolated light rain and snow showers possible through Wednesday morning.

"We are expecting a wintry mix of rain, sleet and snow that will cause messy road conditions on Tuesday," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Deanne Criswell**. "We urge all New Yorkers to exercise caution. If you must travel, consider using public transportation and allow for extra travel time."

NYC Emergency Management will continue to work closely with the National Weather Service to monitor the weather and any potential impacts associated with the wintry mix. New Yorkers should prepare for slippery road conditions, and exercise caution when driving, walking, or biking. Whether traveling for work, errands or recreation, please consider taking public transportation whenever possible.

Safety Tips

- Allow for extra travel time. New Yorkers are urged to use public transportation.
- If you must drive, use extra caution. Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.
- Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they stop less quickly than other vehicles.



- Pedestrians should exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces. Wear sturdy boots that provide traction to reduce slipping. Use handrails when using stairs.
- Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

For more safety tips, visit <u>NYC.gov/EmergencyManagement</u>. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system, to stay informed about the latest weather updates and other emergencies. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit <u>NYC.gov/NotifyNYC</u>, call 311, or download the free app for your Android or Apple device. You can also follow <u>@NotifyNYC</u> on Twitter.

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