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**Statewide Tornado Drill Postponed**

RACINE, Wis. — Due to the potential for severe weather in Southern Wisconsin on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the statewide tornado drill has been postponed until Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

As a result, Racine County will also postpone scheduled drills and instead, conduct the drills on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. “It’s better to err on the side of caution than unduly panic the public,” commented David Maack, Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator. “Schools, businesses, families, and individuals will still have the opportunity to test their emergency plans on Friday during the statewide tornado drills.”

A mock tornado watch will be issued on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., followed by a statewide mock tornado warning at 1:45 p.m. Many radio and TV stations across the state will issue the test tornado warnings. In addition, mock alerts will be issued on NOAA Weather. Later, a mock tornado warning will be issued at 6:45 p.m. to give families and second-shift workers a chance to practice their emergency plans.

In Racine County, Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated in those communities that have them. However, not all communities in Racine County have Outdoor Warning Sirens. In fact, most do not. In addition, Outdoor Warning Sirens are not meant to be heard indoors. Although you may occasionally hear them indoors they were not designed for that purpose.

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