
**COBLESKILL-RICHMONDVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: FACULTY AND STAFF
FROM: HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: WINTER SAFETY
DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2015

History has taught us that a mild autumn is no reflection of the kind of winter we might have.

Flu Preparedness:

During the holidays, Americans criss-cross the country giving the flu and many viruses a chance to spread more quickly. Each year we count on severe cold to reduce germs, so this year's mild weather may make it even tougher to avoid the flu. Get a flu shot and keep washing those hands! If you get the flu, please stay home.

Winter Storm forecasts:

Pay attention, and know the difference:

Winter Storm Outlook - Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2 to 5 days.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning - Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

Winter Driving:

Slow down, giving yourself extra time and distance to stop. Check your tires for ample tread, be sure the windshield fluid is full and the heat and defroster are working properly. Remember, the first inch or two of snow can be the most slippery and drivers often take a while to adjust their driving.

For more information about winter safety, try these links:

<http://ccescoharie-otsego.org/environment/emergency-preparedness/winter-weather-safety>

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm>

Anytime you have a health and safety concern at school, please call Bill Himme at Operations and Maintenance 234-4032 ext. 2005.

