



ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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PRESS RELEASE

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Emergency Overnight Warming Sites Activated Thursday 1/22/26

Emergency Overnight Warming Sites are activated in Rock County for five nights, starting the evening of Thursday 1/22/26 through the morning of Tuesday 1/27/26 based upon predicted temperature and/or wind chill below zero. Another notification will be sent if activation extends beyond the end date.

There are six Emergency Overnight Warming Sites available during this activation period to provide overnight shelter.

Please note times of arrival and departure as well as eligibility criteria at each location.

- o **Beloit Hospital Emergency Department Lobby**
 - o 1969 W. Hart Rd., Beloit, WI
 - o Available 24 hours only during overnight warming site activation
 - o Single individuals or families
 - o Chairs are available (but not cots)
 - o Enter through the ED public entrance
- o **The Salvation Army Rock County - Beloit location (Red Shield Center)**
 - o 628 Broad Street, Beloit WI
 - o Open from 7pm to 6am. Everyone must leave the site at 6am.
 - o Intake to the shelter is 7 – 9pm. **If no one arrives by 9pm, the shelter will be closed for the night.**
 - o All people are welcome
 - o Enter through front door
- o **GIFTS Men's Shelter**
 - o 1025 N. Washington Street, Janesville, WI

- Open from 8:30pm to 5am. People must arrive between 8:30 – 9pm. **If no one arrives by 9pm, the shelter will be closed for the night.**
- Everyone must leave the shelter at 5am.
- Single males. Up to four males may stay in the GIFTS front lobby as a warming site. This applies to people who are not current clients of GIFTS.
- People on the GIFTS “do not serve” list are not eligible
- **Mercy Health Emergency Department Lobby**
 - 1000 Mineral Point Ave, Janesville, WI
 - Open from 9pm to 5am only during warming site activation
 - Single individuals or families
 - Chairs are available (but no cots)
 - Enter through the ED public entrance
- **First Congregational United Church of Christ**
 - 54 S. Jackson Street, Janesville
 - Arrive between 7PM – 9PM and must arrive before 9PM
 - All people are welcome
 - Site door entrance is facing W. Court Street
- **Edgerton Hospital Emergency Department**
 - 11101 N. Sherman Road, Edgerton, WI
 - Open from 7pm to 7am only during warming site activation
 - Single individuals or families
 - Chairs are available (but no cots)
 - Enter through the ED public entrance

Please follow instructions above to utilize the Overnight Warming Sites.

For ongoing updates and printable lists of warming sites, you can also visit our website:
<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/human-services/unhoused-and-housing-advocacy-resources/emergency-shelters-sites-transitional-housing/emergency-warming-cooling-sites>.