



# NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION THREAT INTELLIGENCE CONSORTIUM

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### National Capital Region: Outlook for 2019-2020 Winter Season

*During the 2019-2020 winter season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) expects warmer than average temperatures, more rain, and unpredictable weather patterns in the National Capital Region (NCR).*

- NOAA has indicated that it will be harder to predict weather patterns weeks in advance because at this time, there will be no predictable El Niño or La Niña climate patterns this winter.
- For the NCR, this could mean that there are large swings in temperature and precipitation. Last snow season, the NCR accumulated a total 16.9 inches of snow with maximum snowfall in January.
- DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMA) continues to practice preparedness by updating winter weather plans to assist with rapid response, coordinating across agencies to anticipate resource needs, and preparing residents for winter conditions through media outreach and public messaging.

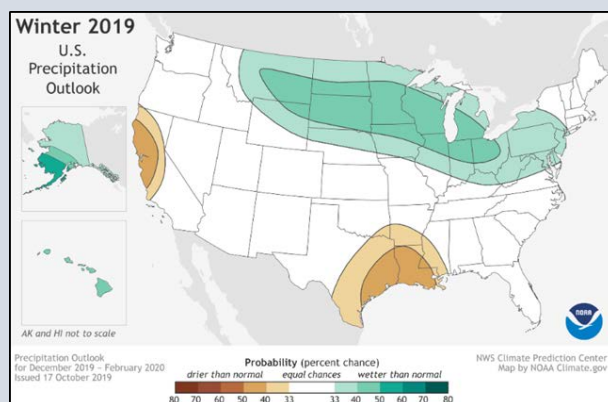
### Student Preparedness Tips

*Many community members spend time outdoors in the winter waiting for the bus, walking to school, or enjoying winter sports. Outdoor activities in the winter can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them:*

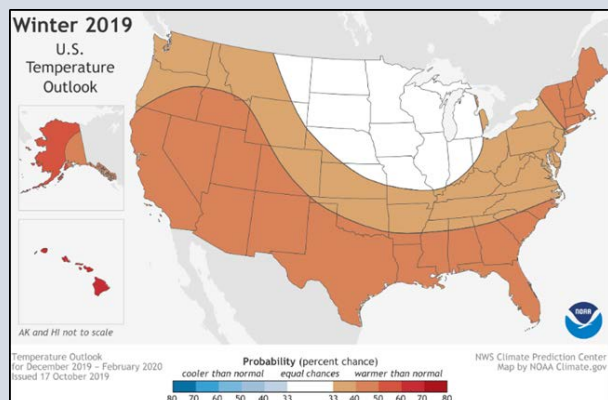
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up AlertDC to informed. The Emergency Alert System and NOAA's Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: wear a tightly woven, preferably wind-resistant coat or jacket; inner layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
- If you drive, create an emergency supply kit for your car.
- If you take public transit, dress in layers and keep additional emergency supplies in a backpack or purse.
- Learn safety precautions to follow when outdoors.
  - Work slowly when doing outside chores.
  - Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
  - Carry a cell phone.
  - Watch the forecast.

*Visit the following websites for more information on how to stay prepared and notified during the winter months:*

- Sign up for the District's emergency alerts [here!](#)
- Learn how to build your personal [emergency kit](#).
- Be aware of school [closures and delays](#).
- Click [here](#) for general preparedness tips and considerations.



This 2019-20 Winter Outlook map for temperature shows warmer-than-average temperatures are likely for much of the U.S. this winter. (Source: Weather.gov)



This 2019-20 Winter Outlook map for precipitation shows wetter-than-average weather is expected across the Northern Tier of the U.S. (Source: Weather.gov)