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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES CODE BLUE SERVICES ARE IN EFFECT

Free RTS transportation to city of Rochester warming centers available to individuals experiencing homelessness

MONROE COUNTY, NY — As colder temperatures approach, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the activation of the County's 2026-2027 Code Blue plan, which provides warming shelters and expanded transportation options for unhoused individuals, ensuring that there is access to safe, warm shelter during dangerously cold winter weather.

Code Blue is typically enacted when wind chill temperatures are expected to drop below 32 degrees.

"Everyone deserves a safe, warm place to turn when temperatures drop to dangerous levels," **said County Executive Bello.** "Code Blue is about making sure our most vulnerable neighbors aren't left out in the cold. Through the strong partnerships we have with the City of Rochester, RTS, our Department of Human Services and local shelter providers, we are working together to connect people with the shelter and support they need to stay safe throughout the winter."

"Strong communities are built when we work together and make sure our resources reach the people who need them most," **said City of Rochester Mayor Malik D. Evans.** "Our partnership with Monroe County, RTS, and local service providers reflects our shared commitment to looking out for every resident and ensuring our neighbors facing the greatest challenges have the support they deserve."

Monroe County Warming Center Sites are listed below:

- Open Door Mission (Men Only), 156 N Plymouth Ave., Rochester, RTS Routes: 15, 21
- House of Mercy, 285 Ormond St., Rochester, RTS Route 3
- Grace House, 1140 Norton St., Rochester, RTS Route 4, 5
- Oak Orchard:
    - (Daytime Location) Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY
    - (Overnight Location) Brockport First Baptist Church, 124 Main St., Brockport, NY

During Code Blue months, individuals in need can request free transportation via RTS to a city of Rochester warming shelter from any bus stop. If the nearest shelter is already on the bus route, the bus will transport them directly there. If a participating warming center is not on the bus route, the bus will transport them to the RTS transit center, where an RTS employee will escort them to the appropriate bus route that will take them to a shelter with available space.

Code Blue started on November 15th and will end when weather conditions permit.

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