Tuesday January 7th Extreme Cold

Our colleagues in Environmental Health and Safety requested we share the following message. Please share it with your faculty and staff. We want everyone to be safe when weather conditions are challenging!

Dear Mason Community,
In preparation for the record setting cold temperature forecast for Tuesday January 7th, the University advises that employees expecting to work outdoors take precautions against the cold. The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) advises to dress appropriately whenever working outdoors for extended periods of time and the apparent temperature is below freezing. Tuesday’s low temperatures will be exacerbated by wind gusts in excess of 20 miles per hour. If you are working outdoors in addition to dressing appropriately, take frequent breaks indoors, modify work as necessary, and be aware of signs and symptoms of cold stress or exposure. For more information on extreme temperatures and cold weather preparation please visit OSHA’s Cold Stress website at: https://www.osha.gov/Publications/coldcard/coldcard.html