

Winter Blizzard in Philadelphia has brought more than 8 feet of snow with schools closing

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A blizzard hit the Philadelphia region late Monday night. It snowed overnight in Philly with over **8 inches** in some areas. The snowfall will stop at 3pm will resume at 11pm and carry on into Wednesday. The temperatures are at 4 degrees Fahrenheit and are expected to lower to around -6 degrees. Icy cold and wintry conditions expected after snowfall.

Here's what one resident had to say about it: "It's *insane*! We haven't had this much snow since 2020. My kids are really happy about it though. Unfortunately for them, we're going to be doing a lot of shovelling."

Schools Closed

Due to the dangerous conditions, the Philadelphia school district closed schools for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. However, school officials confirmed that some schools will conduct virtual school on the 17th, 18th and 19th. Students already have laptops issued by their respective schools.

Principal James Thompson of **Socrates High School** said, "We understand that students may be upset about this decision. However, missing too many days of school is detrimental to their education, and we will work to provide all necessary resources for our students' education."

How to Stay Safe:

Due to the heavy snow and high winds, officials recommend that the residents of Philadelphia stay inside. They also urge motorists to stay off the roads due to the icy conditions and low visibility. Residents are advised to stock up on food and any medication.

Residents should cover up and wear warm clothing with double layers. Make sure to eat healthy food and drink fluids. Try to limit the amount of time spent out. Cold temperatures can make us more susceptible to viruses, so stay safe and warm. Power outages are not uncommon during winter storms, so keep an emergency kit with you.

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