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**DART Riders Advised to be Prepared for Blizzard**

Bus riders are advised to be prepared for harsh winter conditions this evening and all day tomorrow. Poor road conditions will likely require bus operators to slow down for safe travel, causing delays in the schedule.

The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard warning from 6 p.m. today to 6 p.m. Thursday. If bus travel is essential during this time, riders are advised to dress warmly and wait for the bus in safe, visible areas.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) aims to operate service during severe weather so people can make essential trips. In the rare event of a service shutdown in the most extreme conditions, DART will communicate the shutdown via local media, on its website, through social media, and with its rider email list.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com) or call 515-283-8100.