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**Manchester, New Hampshire** - The City of Manchester is preparing for bitter cold weather and 12-20 inches of snow Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday, Jan. 20, with expected wind chills well below zero through Tuesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Mayor and the City of Manchester Emergency Management Department are monitoring this event, including shelter capacities throughout the weekend, and will activate our EOC if necessary.

The City of Manchester has coordinated with the leadership at the New Horizons Emergency Shelter to be designated as the emergency warming and overnight shelter in anticipation of the upcoming cold weather event. New Horizons shelter is located at 199 Manchester Street.

Should we determine additional shelter is necessary we are ready and prepared to open additional shelters outlined in our emergency plans.

The following information can assist you to be prepared for the cold.

- Minimize outdoor activities for the whole family, including pets.
- Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat, mittens (not gloves), and sturdy waterproof boots to protect your extremities. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Take recommended safety precautions when using space heaters, a fireplace, or a woodstove to heat your home. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Make sure emergency generators or secondary heating systems are well ventilated.
- In the event of a power outage you may need to take additional precautions or go to an emergency shelter to stay warm.
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assistance.