



## PRESS RELEASE

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# SEVERE WEATHER SHELTERS TO OPEN

In response to a severe weather system and potential flooding, temporary severe weather shelters will open on **Thursday, February 19**, and **Friday, February 20** to provide emergency overnight refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness.

This coordinated effort is supported by the **County of Santa Cruz**, the **City of Santa Cruz**, and the **City of Watsonville**. Shelter sites will be operated by **People First of Santa Cruz County**.

**Lineup for services will begin at 7:30 pm.** Space is limited, and beds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to individuals with disabilities and those facing significant health or safety risks.

Pets are welcome provided they are leashed and remain under voice control. For the safety of all guests, aggressive animals will not be permitted inside shelter sites.

## Shelter Locations and Hours of Operation:

### ELKS LODGE

150 Jewell St.

**Santa Cruz**

Feb 19:

8 pm – 8 am

### VETS HALL

846 Front St.

**Santa Cruz**

Feb 20:

8 pm – 8 am

### COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST

85 Nielson St.

**Watsonville**

Feb 19 and 20:

8 pm – 7 am