As we continue with seasons associated with inclement weather it is important to note that **there are no public tornado shelters in Roosevelt County, the City of Portales, or at Eastern New Mexico University**. Local residents in mobile or modular homes should arrange shelter with family, friends, or neighbors in safer housing before storms develop. Local residents are encouraged to consult with their city or county emergency managers for assistance with planning. Advanced planning can save lives and the time to plan is not during a critical event.

There has been a lot of misconceptions and miscommunication on social media about Greyhound Arena, the Roosevelt County Courthouse, and the Memorial Building being used a local storm shelter. **These facilities are not community tornado shelters**. Some have referenced the public being allowed access to Greyhound Arena during past tornado watches or warnings. Recent access to this facility has been done without authorization. ENMU always strives to provide reasonable support to our community partners. However, Greyhound Arena is not conducive to serving as a tornado shelter for the general public.

In addition, the last thing we want to see are individuals leaving a safe and secure location to travel to a shelter site and being caught on public roadway in the event of a Tornado. Once again, please consult your local emergency manager for additional advice or assistance. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to follow advice outlined in the Emergency Survival Guide related to what to do in the event of a tornado on campus.

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