

Williamsburg Community High School Tornado Safe Room Open to the Public

The Williamsburg Community Tornado Safe Room will be open for public use in the event of tornado warnings and watches. The newly completed wrestling room and locker room at the high school have been built according to FEMA specifications for a tornado safe shelter.

The wrestling room/tornado safe shelter will hold 1175 people. When a tornado warning and/or watch is announced, school employees will ensure the tornado safe room is unlocked for community use. Community members are welcome to use the shelter for tornado safety anytime during the school day, after school hours, evening, overnight, and during the summer. The doors will not be unlocked in the overnight hours for a "severe weather" warning but will be available when school is in session or when a custodian is on regular hours during a "severe weather" announcement. Employees will also unlock a storage room where a weather radio, two-way radios and flashlights are available for use as needed. Locker room restrooms are available for use as well. Cell phones reception is not consistent in the room.

The public will need to enter the north end of the west parking lot. The two double doors at the north end of the building will be unlocked. (Double doors near the vocational agriculture shop.) You will need to enter the double doors and go down the hallway. The first door on your left opens into the tornado safe room. The doors on the north side of the building will remain locked (by the football concession stand). The two metal doors at the west end of the tornado safe wrestling room (with steps and railing) will remain locked for safety purposes.

Please take time this spring and summer to familiarize yourself with the facility and entrances.