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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Bristol, CT) December 18, 2019

BRISTOL ANNOUNCES SEVERE COLD WEATHER WARMING SHELTER OPTIONS

(BRISTOL, CT) – The City is urging residents to be prepared tonight and during the next few days as temperatures are forecasted for bitter cold. The Governor has activated the severe cold weather protocol to ensure adequate shelter space from 6pm Wednesday, December 18 until 9am Saturday, December 21.

St. Vincent DePaul will host the city's overnight overflow center as part of this cold weather response, however spaces are limited. If the local shelter is at capacity, those in need should dial 2-1-1, press option 5 and a contact specialist will direct them to other shelters and/or warming stations in surrounding communities.

The City has confirmed warming shelters at the following locations:

Bristol Public Library - 5 High Street --Thursday, 830am-8pm Friday/Saturday, 8:30am-5pm

Bristol Senior Center - 240 Stafford Avenue-- Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm

Community Health Center-395 North Main Street-- Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Salvation Army-19 Stearns Street -- Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

Agape House-43 School Street --Monday-Saturday, 8am-12 noon

Brian's Angels-99 Summer Street -- Tuesday-Sunday, 1pm-5pm

The following businesses have graciously offered their establishments to escape the cold. Please be respectful of patrons: Dunkin Donuts, Price Chopper, Stop & Shop and Starbucks.

Please check on neighbors and the elderly. And, as a reminder it is against the law to leave animals outside in extreme weather conditions.

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