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EMERGENCY ALERTS**⚠ National Weather Service:**

WINTER STORM WARNING in this area until 6:00pm EST. Snow and ice will make the roads slippery. Stay off the roads if you can. If you must go out, drive slowly and give the snow plows room to work.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: Why is this alert being sent?

- a) A winter storm is coming
- b) School is closed for summer
- c) The power is out at home

DETAIL: What time does the warning end?

- a) 6:00am
- b) 12:00pm
- c) 6:00pm

EVALUATE: If you must go out, how should you drive?

- a) Fast
- b) Slowly

DETAIL: What does the alert say is the safest choice?

- a) Drive fast to get home
- b) Stay off the roads if you can
- c) Walk in the road

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MBTA ALERTS**Green Line**

DELAY: Green Line (D) trains are running about 15 minutes late in both directions because of a disabled train at Reservoir.

Shuttle buses are running between Reservoir and Riverside.

Please allow extra travel time.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: What is this alert about?

- a) The Green Line is free today
- b) Green Line trains are late
- c) A new station is opening

DETAIL: How late are the trains?

- a) About 15 minutes
- b) About 1 hour
- c) About 5 minutes

SEQUENCE: Where did the train break down?

- a) Riverside
- b) Kenmore
- c) Reservoir

EVALUATE: You need to be downtown at 4:00. Should you leave earlier than usual?

- a) Yes
- b) No

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THIS IS A TEST.

This is a test of the Emergency Alert System.

If this had been a real emergency, you would hear instructions on this channel.

THIS IS ONLY A TEST.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: What is being tested?

- a) The weather report
- b) The Emergency Alert System
- c) The TV volume

DETAIL: Is this a real emergency?

- a) Yes
- b) No

SEQUENCE: If this were a real emergency, what would you hear on this channel?

- a) Instructions
- b) Music
- c) A cartoon

EVALUATE: What should a person watching this do?

- a) Call 911 right away
- b) Leave the house quickly
- c) Nothing, it is only a test

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IN CASE OF FIRE

- Leave the building right away.
- Do NOT use the elevator. Use the stairs.
- Close the doors behind you.
- Meet in the parking lot across the street.
- Do not go back inside until a firefighter says it is safe.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: What is this sign about?

- a) Leaving the building in a fire
- b) Cooking safely
- c) Finding the bathroom

DETAIL: Which one should you use to leave the building?

- a) The stairs
- b) The elevator

SEQUENCE: Where do people meet after they leave?

- a) In the lobby by the front door
- b) In the parking lot across the street
- c) At the bus stop on the corner

EVALUATE: When can you go back into the building?

- a) After five minutes
- b) When you cannot smell smoke
- c) When a firefighter says it is safe

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SCHOOLS ALERT

Today, 9:12 AM

Because of the storm, all schools will close early today.
Students will be dismissed at 11:30am.

Buses will run on the early dismissal schedule. All after-school activities are canceled.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: What made the schools close early?

- a) A storm
- b) A holiday
- c) A broken bus

DETAIL: What time will students be dismissed?

- a) 9:12am
- b) 11:30am
- c) 3:00pm

DETAIL: What is happening to the after-school activities?

- a) They start early
- b) They are moved to Saturday
- c) They are canceled

DETAIL: What will the buses do?

- a) Not run at all today
- b) Run on the early dismissal schedule
- c) Run on the regular schedule

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BOIL WATER NOTICE

Town Water Department

A water main broke on Cypress Street.

Until further notice, boil all tap water for 1 minute before you drink it, cook with it, or brush your teeth. Bottled water is safe to drink.

We will send another message when the water is safe again.

QUESTIONS

Circle the best answer.

SUMMARY: Why did the town send this notice?

- a) The pool is closing
- b) A water main broke
- c) The water bill is due

DETAIL: How long should you boil tap water?

- a) 1 minute
- b) 10 minutes
- c) 1 hour

DETAIL: Which water is safe to drink without boiling it?

- a) Tap water
- b) Bottled water

EVALUATE: How will you know when the water is safe again?

- a) The water will change color
- b) A sign will go up at the store
- c) The town will send another message