

From the University of Mississippi Medical Center Division of Public Affairs

WATERLINE BREAKS CLOSE OFF-CAMPUS CLINICS, HOSPITAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE UNAFFECTED

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JACKSON, Miss. – Water mains damaged by freezing temperatures are causing widespread loss of water pressure in Jackson. The situation has resulted in the closing this afternoon of the Jackson Medical Mall and UMMC operations there, as well as a number of off-campus clinic sites around the city. Operations at the main UMMC campus hospitals continue as normal.

UMMC water is supplied by campus wells and is unaffected by the outages. However, the hydrants on campus are supplied by city water and are temporarily affected. To report any fire, no matter how small, call 911 or (601) 984-6666.

Location closings:

The following locations are closed and all UMMC patient appointments are being accommodated where possible. Patients needing to be rescheduled will be contacted.

- * University Physicians Northeast Jackson at Select Specialty Hospital
- * Pediatrics services at the North Clinic and the Pediatric Specialty Clinic near Veterans Memorial Stadium
- * West Jackson Family Medical Center
- * Lakeland Family Medicine Center
- * Medical Towers on Woodrow Wilson
- * Medical Mall offices: Ambulatory Care Clinics, Cancer Institute clinics, Department of Radiation Oncology and the outpatient dialysis center

Patients with appointments at the facilities mentioned above can call 888-815-2005 regarding the status of their appointments.

Employees who work in these facilities are being reassigned to other duties if possible for the remainder of the day.

Nurses affected by the outage will need to call in for reassignment to the Nursing Office at (601) 984-4130.

All facilities are expected to open Tuesday and operate on a normal schedule. Status changes will be posted here at www.umsmed.edu by 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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programs of the Medical Center and includes University Hospitals and Health System and University Physicians, the faculty group practice. UMMC encompasses five health science schools, including medicine, nursing, health related professions, dentistry and graduate studies, as well as the site where University of Mississippi pharmacy students do their clinical training. The Medical Center's threefold mission is to educate tomorrow's health-care professionals, conduct innovative research to improve human health, and to provide the highest quality care available to the state's citizens. A major goal of the Medical Center is the improvement of the health of Mississippians and the elimination of health disparities. For more information, contact the Division of Public Affairs at 601-984-1100 or visit us on the Web at <http://info.umc.edu/>.