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Children's Mercy Hospital's Response to May 22 Tornado in Joplin

Kansas City, Mo., - May 23, 2011 - As a result of the May 22 tornado that devastated Joplin and southwest Missouri, patients are being transferred to hospitals in the Kansas City area. Children's Mercy has already begun to receive patients, and expects to continue to receive patients from the affected area as long as necessary.

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics is working with the city of Joplin and area hospitals to provide immediate medical attention to all pediatric patients being transferred to our hospital for care.

The Red Cross suggests that individuals report themselves or search for loved ones in their Safe and Well database at redcross.org/safeandwell.

About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals" in all 10 specialties they rank. Our faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than 40 subspecialties are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit childrensmercy.org or download our mobile phone app *CMH4YOU* for all phone types. For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

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