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Children's Mercy Hospital Receives Six Pediatric Patients after Joplin Tornado

Kansas City, Mo., - May 23, 2011 - As a result of the May 22 tornado that devastated Joplin and southwest Missouri, six pediatric patients from the Joplin area are being treated at Children's Mercy. Their conditions and injuries are unknown at this time.

[Two Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport teams](#) and an emergency medicine physician have been deployed to Joplin with the Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

The Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport team consists of specially trained neonatal/pediatric Registered Nurses, Respiratory Therapists and Emergency Medical Technicians.

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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