

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Recognizing UTSW's dedication during winter storm

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To the UT Southwestern community:

Almost two years ago to the day, the UT Southwestern community faced an enormous challenge due to the impact of extreme weather conditions, including disruptions in power and water supplies. This week, we found ourselves responding to yet another round of extreme winter weather, but as daunting as the challenge has been, the UT Southwestern community rose to the challenge once again.

As the end of this event fortunately appears to be in sight, I am writing to express my deep appreciation for those of you in the UT Southwestern community whose dedication and commitment helped to minimize disruptions to our campus operations and service to our patients, especially our colleagues in the **Health System – both in our inpatient and ambulatory clinical operations – including the UT Southwestern Medical Group**, who rescheduled appointments when necessary and transitioned care to virtual appointments when possible to ensure the continued well-being of our patients.

Behind the scenes, hundreds of individuals on our **Facilities Management; University Police; Safety and Business Continuity; Supply Chain Management; Information Resources; Communications, Marketing, and Public Affairs; and Administration teams** worked tirelessly to help keep our campus open and running smoothly. Some individuals stayed overnight, many more than once, to help keep the campus and hospitals open. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to these individuals for their dedication and extraordinary efforts. I also commend those who continued their work from home despite the difficulties posed by the storm and the closure of schools and care facilities.

During times such as these, I am always inspired by the UT Southwestern community and your dedication to our mission. Thank you for your commitment to the patients, families, and learners we serve.

Sincerely,

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