

UT Southwestern Medical Center

UTSW Joins Unified Response to Ebola

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

Governor Rick Perry and his recently-appointed Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response announced today that UT Southwestern will join University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in a unified response for the care of future confirmed Ebola patients in Texas.

A dedicated unit at Methodist Campus for Continuing Care (MCCC) on Campbell Road in Richardson will be established and designated as the North Texas Center for Specialized Care of Infectious Disease (Center for Specialized Care). It is a collaborative effort between UT Southwestern, Methodist Health System, Parkland Health & Hospital System, CDC, Dallas County Health and Human Services, and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

UT Southwestern will provide the leadership of the center through our faculty physicians. Use of the external site allows us to address potential cases without disruption in the normal activity for our campus and other healthcare facilities.

An important part of our history and our mission as a leading academic medical center is to aid the community in solving scientific and public health issues facing the state and nation. We will help answer the challenge to public health presented by Ebola through fundamental and applied research, reinforced by our clinical expertise in the complex care and protocols necessary to treat and contain infectious disease.

We appreciate everyone's contributions and preparations, which have been a tremendous benefit to this project and are in keeping with the information shared with you at the recent Ebola forum on campus.

As previously mentioned at the Ebola forum, anyone with concerns or questions about Ebola is encouraged to call our hotline, which will be staffed 24 hours a day. That number is 214-648-4787, or 214-64VIRUS. Internally, an employee can dial 8-4787. More information on Ebola and UT Southwestern's preparations and protocols can be found on the [intranet Ebola page](#).

Questions can be submitted by email addressed to: ebola-questions@utsouthwestern.edu. A set of frequently asked questions is being developed and will be posted with the answers on the [intranet Ebola page](#). The intranet site will be updated as new information becomes available.

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