



Mangum Regional Medical Center

Appendix 14: Shelter in Place

Shelter in Place means that the staff, patients and families/visitors will remain in the facility building. In certain disaster situations, sheltering in place may be more appropriate than evacuation. Sheltering can be used due to severe storms, tornados, and violence/terrorism or hazard materials conditions in the area.

At Mangum Regional Medical Center the most likely need for sheltering in place is a tornado threat. In the event of a tornado warning signaled by the Mangum Civil Defense System, all staff, patients, and visitors will move to the Operating Room area. Windows and doors will be firmly closed. Blinds and/or curtains on windows will be closed.

All staff will assist in patient transport process. The person in charge will direct this process and will determine and communicate mode of transport for each patient. Charge nurse will move crash cart to Operating Room area. Provider on duty will manage all patient care. The person in charge will appoint someone to observe the ER door for any incoming patients. A current patient census will be utilized to ensure all patients have been transported to a safe area and are accounted for. Respiratory staff will bring extra oxygen cylinders to the area and housekeeping will bring extra blankets.

If sheltering is used in the event of a hazardous chemical incident, or area wildfire, windows and doors will be shut and all fans, air conditioners will be turned off by Plant Operations staff. Cloths will be stuffed around gaps at the bottom of doors. Patients and families/visitors will remain in their rooms.

The facility has medications, medical supplies, food, water, generator fuel, oxygen supplies to shelter in place for 5-7 days.

The facility will stay in shelter until Incident Commander has given an “all clear” or the emergency threat has ended.