

# Notification of Security Threat to University of Chicago Campus

**11.29.15**

The University was informed by FBI counterterrorism officials today (Sunday) that an unknown individual posted an online threat of gun violence against the University of Chicago, specifically mentioning “the campus quad” on Monday morning at 10 a.m. The University decided, in consultation with federal and local law enforcement officials, to exercise caution by canceling all classes and activities on the Hyde Park campus through midnight on Monday.

The University of Chicago Medical Center (UCMC) and the Student Health Clinic will maintain normal operations and remain open for patients in all ambulatory, procedural, inpatient and emergency areas. UCMC has initiated heightened security measures beginning Monday, November 30 at 6:30 a.m. as a safeguard to our patients, visitors, faculty, staff, and residents. **Any patient who prefers to reschedule an appointment should call 1-888-824-0200.**

The following important safety procedures have been activated in light of this potential threat:

**In order to continue to provide outstanding care to our patients, all faculty, staff, and residents essential to patient care are required to work as scheduled on Monday.**

**All staff non-essential to patient care should not report to work tomorrow.**

**There will be restricted access to Medical Campus buildings:**

Beginning at 6:30 a.m., all entrances to the Medical Center will be closed with the exception of the following:

- DCAM first floor access and 2nd floor bridge entrance from the parking garage
- Comer front entrance and emergency department
- Mitchell front entrance and emergency department
- CCD – Both lobby entrances and Parking B Bridge.
- American School

The following entrances will be closed:

- Ellis Avenue
- Wyler
- Goldblatt

**Parking will be available on campus.**

- Parking A & B will be available to patients, visitors, faculty and staff throughout the day for those staff who park on the midway or other offsite locations.
- Drexel Garage and Ellis Avenue Garage – These locations will remain secure and staff who normally park there should do so tomorrow as well. There will be shuttles available throughout the day and security personnel will be on site.

**Badges are required. All faculty and staff must have visible badges at all times.**

Please limit movement in and around the Medical Center campus tomorrow as the threat is under investigation. Anticipate that Chicago Police Department (CPD), University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD), and UCMC security will have heightened visibility and an increased presence throughout the campus and within Medical Center buildings and parking garages.