



## **For Immediate Release**

**December 22, 2009**

### **Animal Shelter Closed for Holiday**

**Galveston County and Cities** – The Joe Vickery Galveston County Animal Shelter located at 3412 Loop 197 North in Texas City will be closed for the Christmas holiday Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Normal shelter operations will resume Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. While closed local law enforcement should be contacted for bite reports and assistance.

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To: GAAA Employees

From: Trey Frankovich  
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Date: December 22, 2009

Re: UTMB Status

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This memo is to clarify the current operational status of UTMB. This information was disseminated in a meeting with local EMS directors at UTMB last week.

UTMB ED is fully operational and their support services are functioning. The ED is capable of handling ANY patient that may need critical medical or trauma care. The ED is operating to pre-Ike levels. They do not have their "level 1" status but are working towards this goal and are awaiting the inspection to be able to officially designate them as "level 1". All stroke, MIs, and patients with acute medical conditions will be brought to UTMB when it is the closest appropriate medical facility.

The administration at UTMB advised that they do not have psychiatric services available and that the PICU has not yet opened. It is anticipated that the PICU will; however, be open the first week of January. Any critical pediatric patient should be brought to UTMB for stabilization and can be transferred at a later time if necessary.

If you have any questions you may contact me directly at (409) 765-2524.