

MPHD ICE STORM RESPONSE

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Thursday, Jan 22, 2026

- The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) activates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in preparation for extreme winter weather starting in the next day or two
- MPHD has two Emergency Service Coordinators (ESCs) who participate in EOC activations
 - Sarakay Johnson – PHEP Team Leader
 - Serves as liaison between MPHD and OEM
 - Mac McCormick – Regional Hospital Coordinator (RHC)
 - Serves as liaison between Hospital Coalition and OEM
 - Member of PHEP Team

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026

- As ice forms across the region, power is lost throughout Davidson County
- By 12pm, hospitals begin to report overcrowding in Emergency Departments from those seeking shelter and warmth
- OEM requests Red Cross to open three warming shelters to alleviate hospital overcrowding and offer shelter to those impacted by the storm
 - Fairgrounds
 - Madison Community Center
 - Southeast Community Center

Monday, Jan. 26, 2026

- OEM requests MPHD provide medical support at warming shelters
 - Medical support includes attention to those with mobility issues or fall risks, oxygen needs, administration of OTC meds, provision of basic first aid, etc.
- MPHD Nursing Leadership begins contacting medical staff for recruitment of shelter workforce that afternoon
- MPHD medical professionals report to shelters that evening*

*45 MPHD medical professionals staffed warming shelters through Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026

- Request is made from OEM for MPHD Behavioral Health and WMPHD Behavioral Health and Wellness staff begin mental health support in warming shelters

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026

- MPHD Behavioral Health and Wellness staff begin mental health support in warming shelters*

* Nine MPHD behavioral health and wellness professionals staffed warming shelters through Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026.



Questions on Timeline or Response Structure?



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