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Cheshire Medical Center heating system malfunction leaves medical center without heat and hot water

KEENE, NH - At 10:24am this morning there was a malfunction in one of the boilers of the heating system of Cheshire Medical Center (Cheshire), causing damage to the venting system and the chimney which exhausts the furnace. The event led Cheshire facilities staff to engage Keene Fire Department (FD), which immediately began the process of assessing damage.

No injuries occurred in the event. Outside agencies have been called upon to assist Cheshire staff and FD in further assessment of damages and investigating the cause of the malfunction.

Cheshire is currently without heat and hot water. The medical center does have full access to potable (safe to drink) water. At this time, Cheshire leadership is confident that the medical center is able to continue to provide safe, quality patient care.

Another joint communication from Cheshire Medical Center and Keene Fire Department with updates will be issued at 4:00pm today, or sooner if information becomes available.

Cheshire Medical Center is a Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health affiliate providing the communities in the Greater Monadnock Region a continuum of care spanning primary care and specialty medicine, to surgical services and acute inpatient care. For 125 years, the nonprofit Medical Center has been caring for the health and wellness of the local community through clinical and service excellence, collaboration, and compassion for every patient, every time. To learn more, call 603-354-5400 or visit cheshiremed.org.

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