

Noon News



Today
High: 45 Low: 35
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 49 Low: 36
Partly cloudy

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Johnson County hospitals restrict visitors to protect patients

Leaders of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Mercy Iowa City, and the Iowa City VA Medical Center announced today that they will restrict visitors to help protect patients from the H1N1 influenza virus. Under the new guidelines, no one under age 18 will be allowed to visit patient care areas; visitors are limited to two adults per patient; and no visitors with symptoms of influenza will be allowed to enter patient care areas. The restrictions will remain in effect until the influenza threat subsides.

Stay tuned for influenza updates

UI Health Care leaders will provide broadcast e-mail updates to keep faculty and staff informed about the latest developments regarding influenza. Information on influenza vaccinations will be updated and posted at www.uihealthcare.com. Posters and flyers outlining the restrictions for hospital visitors will be posted today throughout UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Police searching for missing teen

Police are searching for an Iowa City girl who was last seen at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday evening in Iowa City. Brianna Overton, 15, is 5-foot-3, 200 pounds, with short black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, red sweat pants, brown clog shoes, and carrying a pink duffle bag. Anyone who has information about her whereabouts is asked to call the Iowa City Police at 356-5275.

Pilots should have had warnings of airport approach

Two Northwest Airlines pilots who overshot their destination by 150 miles before turning back should have had numerous warnings as they approached and passed Minneapolis Wednesday night, the AP reports. The pilots told authorities they were distracted during a heated discussion over airline policy, but federal officials are investigating whether pilot fatigue might be to blame.

Mom vows justice for slain daughter

The mother of a 7-year-old Florida girl whose body was found yesterday in a Georgia landfill made a promise today on national TV, the Associated Press (AP) reports. "We'll get you," Diena Thompson, mother of Somer Thompson, told the unknown killer on ABC's "Good Morning America."

World awaits Iran's decision on uranium proposal

The U.S. and its allies hoped to secure Iran's approval today for a proposed deal that would ship most of the country's uranium to Russia for enrichment and ease Western fears about Iran's potential to make a nuclear weapon, the AP reports. Iran's endorsement is far from certain, however.

Mexican official: Man admits to meth ties in \$205 million case

Zhenli Ye Gon, a Chinese-Mexican businessman who was arrested in 2007 after police found a \$205 million stash of cash in his Mexico City mansion, has told U.S. prosecutors he sold on the black market tons of a chemical used to make methamphetamine, a top Mexican official told the AP this week.

Panel says NASA should skip the moon

NASA needs to rethink any plans to return astronauts to the moon, a special independent panel told the White House, the AP reports. At a news briefing yesterday, Norman Augustine, the panel's chairman, said NASA should focus on putting astronauts on a nearby asteroid or one of the moons of Mars.

Man pleads guilty to DWI in La-Z-Boy

Dennis Anderson, 62, of Proctor, Minn., pleaded guilty this week to driving his motorized lounge chair while drunk. Anderson's blood alcohol content allegedly was 0.29 when he hit a parked vehicle in August 2008. The chair was powered by a converted lawnmower and equipped with a stereo and cup holders. The judge stayed 180 days of jail time and ordered two years' probation for Anderson.

Hawkeyes look for record-setting win against Spartans

The Iowa Hawkeyes (7-0) will look to achieve a single-season record of eight straight wins when they face the Michigan State Spartans (4-3) tomorrow night in East Lansing, Mich. Kickoff is 6:02 p.m. The game will be a tough test for the Hawks—they haven't won at Michigan State since 1995.

*I was so naive
as a kid I used
to sneak
behind the
barn and do
nothing.*

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—*Johnny Carson*
Comedian and
'Tonight Show' host
who was born on
this day in 1925 in
Corning, Iowa

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- Join the Guitar Hero 5 Tournament from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Coralville Best Buy. All proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital through UI Dance Marathon. Pre-register online at www.dancemarathon.org. Live broadcast from KKRQ 100.7 the Fox. Meet Miss Iowa 2009. Contact CMN at 355-8484 or e-mail cmn@uiowa.edu.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Emergency roadway repairs will cause delays on Newton Road in the area of Westlawn beginning this afternoon. Work is expected to be completed by tomorrow evening. The work is necessary to prepare for upcoming Iowa Institute of Biomedical Discovery building construction in this area. Flaggers will work to keep traffic moving smoothly through the area.
- A steam shut down for JCP will begin at 8 p.m. tomorrow and last for approximately six hours. This will affect JCP on west side floors 4 through 7, including the main operating rooms, and on east side floors 6 through 8 including the burn unit. This will affect the building heating system only, and is necessary to repair steam leaks. Contact: Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- Kyle Roseman, 2, of Bettendorf is Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game tomorrow against Michigan State. Kyle almost didn't survive birth—he had severe brain injury and was unable to breathe on his own. When his family made the difficult decision to remove the ventilator, however, Kyle kept breathing. Eventually he was well enough to go home. A rare genetic disorder likely will shorten his life, but for now Kyle continues to receive care at UI Children's Hospital for his medical complications. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- This is National Pharmacy Week! The Department of Pharmaceutical Care invites patients, visitors, and staff to view the information display in the Fountain Lobby about the department and its staff. Medication-related brochures are also available.
- A new channel guide service is now available on all televisions at UI Hospitals and Clinics. To see the channel lineup anywhere in the hospital, simply tune to Channel 15. In the future, the guide will be used to announce upcoming changes to programming. For more information, contact Jerry Gilmore at 384-9761 or e-mail jerrold-gilmore@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteer Services offers departments office assistance for every type of project—packet assembly, letter folding, filing, alphabetizing, copying, stamping, filling out standardized forms, labeling, and addressing. Bring materials to the volunteer office, Elevator F, Level 8; e-mail twila-barnes@uiowa.edu; or call 356-1065 for quick pick-up and drop-off service.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- Healthy adults age 18 to 70 are invited to participate in a research project studying the role of the amygdale in emotional experience. The study involves a time commitment of up to three hours. Compensation. For details, contact Robin Follmer at 353-8509 or robin-follmer@uiowa.edu.
- Breast-fed babies less than 28 days of age are invited to participate in a one-year nutrition study. Compensation is available. For more information, call 467-4525 or 778-5118 (UI Health Care pediatric nutrition staff).
- Healthy men ages 55 to 65 are invited to participate in a research study examining how familiar partners communicate while playing an easy card game together. If eligible, you and a partner—a spouse, adult child, or friend—will need to come to the UI Health Care Department of Neurology on two consecutive days for three hours or less. Compensation. For more information, call Brooke Bachelder, 384-5639, or e-mail brooke.bachelder@gmail.com.
- Healthy adults 65 years of age and older are invited to participate in a research study comparing the safety and effectiveness of the H1N1 swine flu vaccine with or without an additive. Requires 12 visits over 12 months. Compensation. Contact Vaccine Research and Education at 356-4848 or 384-7245.
- Volunteers between 55 and 90 years of age who either do not smoke or who smoke at least a pack a day are invited to participate in a research study involving CT imaging of the lungs. Requires four to five hours of time over one to two visits. Compensation. Call the Division of Physiologic Imaging at 384-7392 or e-mail joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu for information.

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.