

Eclipse: Volunteers still needed

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Welsh said it's critical for residents and guests to yield to emergency vehicles. With so many people on the roads, it will be difficult to respond to emergencies, so if people see lights and hear sirens, they should pull over as soon as safely possible.

Welsh said Dallas Fire & EMS will have all employees working that weekend and is asking its volunteers to staff fire engines when the day shift isn't working. It will add an ambulance to its fleet for Aug. 17-21.

"We don't know exactly what to expect," Welsh said. "We are preparing as much as we possibly can."

She also urged people to obey all traffic laws and stay on maintained roads. Driving in fields increases the chances of starting fires, something that has already happened this summer.

"We can't control this event; it's going to happen," she said. "It's one day. If you don't have to travel, don't. Stay home and view it from your backyard or walk downtown."

Salem Health West Valley is scheduling more employees through the weekend and Monday, and setting up a tent at the hospital to treat patients from Aug 18-21.



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Dallas Police is seeking volunteer translators for the Great American Eclipse.

The tent will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., but employees will be on call if needs increase, said Jennifer Broadus, the director of clinical operations at the hospital.

Garton said the state is coordinating with local agencies to make sure hospitals have access to air ambulances if patients need quick transfers to other hospitals.

"The state is doing a pretty good job of the letting the right people know what is available during that period of time," Garton said. "Everybody is thinking about it, which is good."

Dallas Police Department will have extra officers on shift from Aug. 18-21, said Lt. Jerry Mott.

"Our event is mostly contained to the downtown core and then the campsites, which makes it easier to manage with available staffing," Mott said. "We will be augmented by some CERT staff during expected peak times."

He said a lot of communities in Oregon outside of the path of totality are scheduling events, so resources will be thin all over.

Mott said the department is still looking for translators to help communicate with guests who don't speak Eng-

lish well or at all.

"This would be for situations like lost children or directions, not for criminal investigations," he said.

Those who would like to volunteer, call 503-831-3516.

Garton added that people should keep in mind respect for other people's property in their quest to find a perfect viewing spot. Don't park or otherwise trespass on people's property, he said.

And above all, take a deep breath and be patient.

"Expect to be delayed. The eclipse will happen and then it will be done," Garton said. "Life will go on; it just might be really, really slow that day."

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Respiratory Therapy

The department will be open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 9:30 p.m. to assist with emergency, medical/surgical, and any other patients needing respiratory care.

Laboratory

The lab will ramp up staffing on the weekend to expedite patient care. Typically, staffing levels drop during weekends, but weekday staffing will continue into the weekend of Aug. 19-20.

Imaging Services

More staff will be available during the "surge" times of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. as well additional employees on standby daily from Friday to Tuesday.

Rehabilitation

A rehab therapist will be on-call Saturday. Otherwise, Rehabilitation Services will operate as usual.

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For more information: 503-838-1182.

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Sunday, Summerfest moves to Dallas City Park for Breakfast in the Park, the Tom Newton Memorial Car Show, Art in the Park and a second edition of Polk County Bounty Market.

But if you see nothing else at Summerfest, come to the main event — Saturday's parade starting at 11 a.m. in downtown Dallas. Stake out your spot early, sit back and enjoy the festivities, which are sure to be out of this world.

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