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St. Joseph Health hospitals open and fully functional; emergency departments caring for individuals impacted by fires in Napa and Sonoma counties

(Santa Rosa, Calif. – October 9, 2017) At approximately 1 a.m. this morning, all St. Joseph Health hospitals in Napa and Sonoma counties opened their Incident Command Centers in preparation to receive any individuals in need of medical treatment as a result of the wildfires in the area.

All of our hospitals - Santa Rosa Memorial, Queen of the Valley Medical Center (Napa), and Petaluma Valley Hospital - have seen an influx of individuals needing care.

At this time, all of our hospitals remain in operation and have suffered no structural damage. We are currently adequately staffed, and our Incident Command Centers remain open as we continue to respond to the wildfires impacting Napa and Sonoma counties.

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department has treated about 60 individuals this morning as a result of the wildfires. Two are burn patients who are in critical condition; 15 suffered moderate injuries and 43 had minor injuries.

Santa Rosa Memorial also accepted evacuees from our neighboring hospitals - including six transfers from Kaiser Santa Rosa and six transfers from Sutter Medical Center. Patients transferred from Sutter included some expectant mothers in active labor and newborns.

Queen of the Valley has treated approximately 40 patients, largely due to smoke-inhalation. The Queen has transferred one patient with significant burns to a burn center. The hospital has treated and released approximately four patients for minor burns.

Petaluma Valley Hospital has not treated any burn victims at this time. Six patients have come into the hospital with mild to moderate injuries secondary to fire, such as shortness of breath, dizziness, asthma, and smoke inhalation. The hospital has cared for patients evacuated from Sutter Medical Center, Kaiser Santa Rosa and senior living facilities, including obstetrics, medical and intensive care unit patients.

Our hospitals are beginning to see patients with injuries incurred as a result of evacuation. This includes victims of car crashes and injuries from falling. We implore the public to take all necessary precautions and be safe; heed all evacuation orders; don't speed; do not venture out unless it is necessary.

We have also seen an influx of individuals with no medical need on our campuses. These are individuals fleeing the fires. We are directing these individuals to area shelters and emphasize that if you have no medical need, please do not come to the hospital.

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