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VA Conducts Mass Casualty Exercise

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center, in an effort to improve and upgrade ongoing efforts to respond to national emergencies, will conduct a training exercise Thursday, May 27. This one-day exercise will allow the Medical Center to train staff and test our readiness capabilities in response to major incidents.

Patient care will continue during this period and the Medical Center will remain open for scheduled appointments. As always, the Emergency Department will remain open and fully staffed.

Veterans, visitors and members of the community are advised they may notice increased traffic and activity on and around the Medical Center during this period. Additionally, the main lobby will be closed from noon to 3:30 p.m. but other entrances will be open.

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The Martinsburg VA Medical Center mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. Located in West Virginia, the Medical Center offers a comprehensive range of services, including internal medicine, ambulatory surgery, audiology and speech pathology, dental, nursing home, nutrition, podiatry, prosthetics, women's health, mental health, and rehabilitation medicine. With a service area of nearly 130,000 veterans in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the Medical Center operates three VA-staffed Outpatient Clinics in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., and Stephens City, Va., and three contract clinics in Franklin and Petersburg, W.Va. and Harrisonburg, Va. Construction for a new clinic in Fort Detrick, Md. has started with an opening tentatively scheduled in Fall 2010.