

## **Cook Children's Northeast Hospital in Hurst Transitions to Surgical and Urgent Care Center**

**Fort Worth, TX** – Cook Children's Northeast Hospital will be closed March 21-22 as the facility undergoes transition to a new service model. In late 2017, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a memo defining the overnight census requirement to operate as a hospital. Cook Children's Northeast Hospital, located at 6316 Precinct Line Road in Hurst, Texas, does not meet the census requirement and will no longer be able to operate as a hospital. As such, the board which oversees Cook Children's Northeast Hospital has elected to change the license to an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC). The facility will also be renamed Cook Children's Surgery Center.

On March 23, Cook Children's Surgery Center will resume operation as a surgical center and urgent care, but emergency services and inpatient care will no longer be offered. Patients in need of emergency care can still be seen 24/7 at Cook Children's Medical Center in downtown Fort Worth. The new mandate will also mean a reduction in staff. During the transition, patients and families can be assured that quality service and care remain the top priority. The ASC will continue as a joint venture between Cook Children's, NueHealth and physician investors.

### **About Cook Children's**

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community. For more information, visit [cookchildrens.org](http://cookchildrens.org).

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