Mobile County Medical Needs Shelter

Burns Middle School
6175 Girby Road
Mobile, AL  36693

What is a Medical Needs Shelter?

A secure facility with generator back-up power, water, sanitation, limited food service and medical oversight to serve as a refuge of last resort during emergency conditions for persons with physical and/or mental conditions requiring minimal medical/nursing oversight who cannot be accommodated in a general population shelter. All persons must bring their own caregiver, medical supplies, equipment, and special dietary supplies for a 72 hour period. A medical needs shelter is not a substitute for hospital care. If at any time a nurse determines that a person with special/medical needs cannot be adequately treated or cared for at the Medical Needs Shelter, other accommodations will need to be made.

Appropriate persons for Medical Needs Shelter and what they should bring

Persons who require minimal assistance with daily living activities and those with certain medical needs are appropriate for the medical needs shelter. The following medical conditions are considered for the medical needs shelter:

- Portable ventilator
- Stable oxygen, nebulizer, or sleep apnea treatment
- Foley/supra-pubic catheter
- Ostomies
- Persons requiring Peritoneal Dialysis or IV treatments will only be allowed if care is home managed, self-administered or family assisted

What should be brought to the Medical Needs Shelter?

Bring enough of the following items for a 72 hour period:

- Prescription medications and medical supplies
- Bedding materials for cots (sheets, pillows, blankets)
- Contact list for relatives, doctors, etc.
- Nonperishable dietary foods or supplies

PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL NEEDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HEALTHY AGE-APPROPRIATE CAREGIVER FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THEIR SHELTER STAY.
Directions to Cranford Burns Middle School from I-10 (Grand Bay Area)
1. Start out going I-10 E
3. HISTORIC MOBILE PKWY / TILLMAN'S CORNER
4. Turn LEFT onto KNOLLWOOD DR.
5. Turn LEFT onto GIRBY RD.
6. End at 6175 Girby Rd Mobile, AL 36693

Directions to Cranford Burns Middle School from I-65 (Chickasaw Area)
1. Start out going I-65 S
2. Take EXIT 1 toward US-90 / GOVT BLVD
4. Turn RIGHT onto KNOLLWOOD DR.
5. Turn LEFT onto GIRBY RD.
6. End at 6175 Girby Rd Mobile, AL 36693

The successful planning and operation of a Medical Needs Shelter involves the coordination of several different agencies throughout Mobile County. The Mobile County Emergency Management Agency, the Mobile County Health Department, the Mobile County Department of Human Resources, the Alabama State Defense Force, the Mobile County Public School System and the Mobile Medical Reserve Corps are resources essential to providing shelter and care, during emergencies, for persons with medical needs.

The Mobile County Emergency Management Agency (MCEMA)  
251-460-8000

The Mobile County Health Department  
251-690-8884