



## Knox County Health Department

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### **KCHD, Partners Offer Showers to Those with Less Access Beginning Today**

Knoxville, Tenn. – The Knox County Health Department and the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains are conducting an emergency preparedness exercise to ensure the health department’s shower trailers will operate during an emergency event. If needed, emergency workers would use the trailers if no other facilities were available.

This year, however, the exercise will double as an opportunity to provide showers for those with less access. The exercises run today, Friday and Saturday.

“Not only are we able to conduct a valuable exercise on emergency preparedness, but it’s having the added benefit of blessing some folks in our community this holiday season with a warm shower. That’s a win-win,” said KCHD Emergency Response Coordinator Steve Hamby.

The two shower trailers, featuring a total of 8 shower stalls, will be at the following locations:

- December 20: Cokesbury United Methodist Church’s Fig Tree
  - 9919 Kingston Pike
  - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- December 22 and 23: Cooper Street Shower Park
  - 500 Cooper Street (under the bridge)
  - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### **About Knox County Health Department**

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit <http://www.knoxcounty.org/health>.

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