



REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

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He's made a list and checked it twice!

Santa Claus is coming to University Hospital

WHY: While most children in San Antonio are anxiously waiting to wake-up Monday morning to check out what Santa has left them, there are no “visions of sugar plumbs dancing in the heads” of the seriously ill and injured children who are thinking about waking up in the hospital Christmas morning. Fortunately, Santa has a soft spot in his heart for these kids so, even after his exhaustive trip around the world; he'll be making a special stop at University Hospital Christmas morning to deliver toys in person. The pediatric staff members at University Hospital and the University of Texas Health Science Center organized the annual event and are looking forward to making some happy Christmas memories for their patients. All of the children who are able to get out of their beds will gather in the pediatric playroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy holiday music, treats and time with Santa. The more critically injured and sick children will get bedside visits. As the lead Level I trauma center for all of South/Central Texas, University Hospital treats thousands of seriously injured children every year.

WHO: Santa Claus and children who have to spend Christmas in the hospital

WHAT: Santa makes a special stop at University Hospital

WHEN: Monday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: University Hospital
4502 Medical Drive
(Meet in Corporate Communications, first floor at main entrance of hospital)