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University of Missouri will provide housing, other help in wake of destructive tornado

The **University of Missouri** is offering assistance to those affected by the violent tornado that touched down in Jefferson City last night. University leaders have been in contact with state and local officials, as well as individuals from Lincoln University, to offer resources and assistance, including housing for those displaced and help with cleanup efforts.

“Our thoughts are with the residents of Jefferson City this morning, and with the emergency crews working so hard to protect their citizens and work on cleanup and recovery efforts,” MU Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright said. “Mizzou teams are working to determine how we can help further.”

Gary Ward, vice chancellor for operations, said temporary housing would be available on campus for affected University of Missouri employees, students and their families as well as those connected to Lincoln University displaced by the storms. Those interested in housing should contact MU Residential Life at 573-882-7275.

“When disaster strikes Missouri, the University of Missouri will always respond,” Ward said. “Without hesitation, we always will do what we can to serve the people of Missouri. As we talk with local and state officials to understand the full scope of the disaster and recovery efforts, we will deploy additional help.”

The MU Police Department has seven officers, including MUPD Chief Doug Schwandt, in Jefferson City helping with the response to the tornado damage. In addition, MU Extension teams are on the ground to assist with recovery efforts, providing information about assessing water and wind damage.

“All disasters are local events, and thus it falls upon the local community and nongovernmental organizations to manage events when they occur,” said Conne Burnham, director of MU Extension’s Community Emergency Management Program. “The University of Missouri is here to act as a resource for the public, emergency services personnel and other public officials because we are part of the community.”

The [Community Emergency Management Program](#) provides educational and technical assistance to individuals and families, local governments, schools, and organizations during and after disasters.

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