

**Minneapolis Children's Hospital/  
Abbott Northwestern  
Helipads**

**The Minneapolis Children's and Abbott Northwestern helipads are situated less than one block apart. A high potential exists for multiple aircraft being in the area. Excellent communication and situational awareness between programs are critical whenever flights are inbound and departing either, or both, helipads.**

**Flight Acceptance**

1. After acceptance of flight to and/or from Minneapolis Children's Hospital and Abbott Northwestern, the Comm Center of the program initiating transport will contact other program Comm Centers and notify that a helicopter in the area is expected.
  - a. Provide ETA if possible

**En Route**

2. When flight is en route to Minneapolis Children's and/or Abbott Northwestern, Comm Center will notify other program Comm Centers that flight is en route, destination, and ETA.
  - a. Respective Comm Center will relay information to their affected inbound aircraft.

**Approach/Arrival**

3. Traffic to/from Abbott Northwestern should maneuver south of the ANW helipad.
4. Traffic to/from Minneapolis Children's should maneuver north of the Children's helipad.
5. At 15 minute ETA to either facility, flight will contact program Comm Center.
  - a. Flight(s) monitor(s) 123.025 and self-announces inbound information.
  - b. Comm Center notifies other program Comm Centers of 15 minute ETA
    - i. All Comm Centers will notify their affected flights of other traffic.
  - c. Helipad video image accessed by Comm Center if available to aid situational awareness.
6. Flight(s) continue to use extreme caution in the area, monitor 123.025.
  - a. Consideration and deviation to alternate helipad at pilot's discretion

**At Facility**

7. Hot operations are prohibited on Minneapolis Children's helipad.
  - a. Abbott hot operations may be conducted per current practice.
8. Flight monitor 123.025 and self-announce info needed to clear the helipad for other inbound flight.
9. Helipad video image will be monitored if available.

**Departure**

10. Departing flights will monitor 123.025 and self-announce intent to lift off per current practice.
11. Flight notify respective Comm Center when clear of helipad.
12. If helipad video image is available, Comm Center will verify clear departure.