

Dunham closing Thursday afternoons starting April

Dunham Clinic to close Thursday afternoons starting April 2 *Clinic will also close at noon March 5*

Feb. 25, 2009 -- Beginning Thursday, April 2, Dunham US Army Health Clinic and its three subordinate clinics at The Defense Distribution Center in New Cumberland, Fort Indiantown Gap and Letterkenney Army Depot will be closed every Thursday Afternoon. The clinics will close at noon to complete mandatory training and administrative requirements.

"This dedicated weekly closure time will optimize our ability to care for our patients," said Col. Kenneth Trzepakowski, Dunham Clinic Commander. This closure will include all ancillary services to include Pharmacy, Radiology, Laboratory and Immunizations.

Currently Doctors and support staff are being taken away from patient care in order to complete these requirements, which is not efficient, according to Trzepakowski.

"Our goal is to have the right number of providers seeing patients, with the right number of nursing and ancillary staff in support, to take care of your medical needs," he said. "Our ultimate goal here at Dunham is to maximize the time that providers are seeing patients in the most efficient manner."

Trzepakowski said that after closer inspection these closures should actually create more patient availability for the patients, as the clinic will be able to remain open on most training holidays, increasing the availability of appointments to the patients we care for.