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NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

FOUNDATION SLAB COMING SOON

This week, crews are completing the perimeter footings for the foundation and finishing up the installation of sewer and electrical lines. Over the past few days, rock has been sprayed onto the building footprint, awaiting the cement foundation. The pouring of the cement slab is weather dependent and right now, the cement work is planned for Oct. 5 through Oct. 11. Going forward, the project requires many hands so you will notice the arrival of some 100 people over the next month or so. Toward the end of October, steel girders will arrive and the project begins to “go vertical”.

ABOUT THE CONCRETE SLAB

Once concrete is poured, crews take periodic core samples from within the cement truck to test its strength and durability back in a lab. After the concrete cures, the slab must be strong enough to withstand the weight of the crane, which is about 3,500 lbs. The crane will need to rest on the concrete to hoist steel beams into place.

MEANWHILE, THE TRANSITION TEAM IS AT WORK

The hospital transition team, comprised of SHS and SPCH staff, has begun to plan every detail of how we move the hospital from one building to another without any disruption in patient care. After the new building completion (around the end of 2018), the “1988 building” must be completely vacated so that renovation can begin. To keep that process on schedule, hospital staff will have approximately two weeks to move departments — some to the new building and others to the older 1953 building.

Departments moving to the new building include: Emergency, Imaging, Surgery, Samaritan’s Newport specialty and primary care clinics, ACU, ICU and the Birthing Center. Also moving to the new building, but only until the 1988 building is renovated, are Pharmacy, Infusion, Physical Therapy, Wound Care and the Sleep Lab. This move may be the largest undertaken by SHS to date, so great care and deliberation are going into the planning.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MOVES

Also on the move: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy are headed to SamFit’s second floor this coming February or March. That facility is currently being renovated.

VIEW FROM THE ROOF

Below: View from the “88 Building” looking southeast. The black rock will hold the foundation slab.



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE BUILDING PROJECT?

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