



NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

FINISHING TOUCHES TO EXTERIOR BEFORE WINTER

In an effort to get our 1988 building all tucked-up tight for winter, additional weather resistant barrier is being added this week in a few places along the roof perimeter. Meanwhile, the masons have been here and gone, completing the lovely brick work along the building's lower section on all sides. When the full project is complete, it is their handiwork that will contribute significantly to both the new and old buildings blending together seamlessly.

The installation of the fiber and concrete Cembrit panels is nearly complete as well. As you'll recall from previous updates during construction on our new building, these panels serve both a decorative and practical function. Along with the brick, they form the façade of our facility and also provide an additional shield against our coastal weather.

Window and door flashings have also been installed, as have window frames. While most of the window glass is also in place, crews are awaiting some replacements for glass that did not survive transport.



West side brick work is complete



Shiny new kitchen hood has been installed

INSIDE HEATS UP

As heaters and dehumidifiers keep the interior toasty and dry, activity is moving briskly with a flurry of specialty tradesmen at work. On the second floor, drywall is mostly hung, and finishers are now taping and mudding the walls. On the first floor, drywall installation is just getting started. Seven hundred sheets of drywall arrived last week, with another 700 sheets on the way. Meanwhile, tiling, overhead duct work and electrical installation is happening simultaneously.

In what will be the new kitchen, the new walk-in freezer/cooler was put in place this month, and cement work around it has begun. Additionally, two massive kitchen hoods have been installed. The new hearth oven, which some are calling a pizza oven although it has broader capabilities, is now on-site. These elements will make up a kitchen and dining area at least triple the size of the current 1950s-era facility.

EAST PARKING LOT WORK CONTINUES

Site grading and utility installation is ongoing in the east parking lot. Within a short time, this lot will be paved and

striped and look ready to park in; however, it will not be opened to staff until the point of “substantial completion” when the building ownership transfers from the construction company to the hospital in mid-February. The reason for this is that the back area of the hospital will continue to be an active construction site as well as the loading area for new hospital equipment up until the transfer of ownership takes place.



East parking lot site grading and utility installation in-process

TRANSITION TIMELINE

As a reminder there is no one opening date for this second phase. Instead, department occupancy will be staggered, starting with support services, such as Environmental Services, Nutrition Services and Materials Management. Administrative staff will follow approximately a week later, and then all patient-facing services after that. Below is the working timeline.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE (All times subject to change)

Mid-December: Information Services will have access to the building to begin creating network infrastructure

Mid-January: Furniture installation begins

Early February: Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is expected from the City of Newport

Last two weeks of February: Staff training on building familiarization and life safety

Late February: Support services to move in and become operational

Early March: Administrative staff to move in and become operational

Second week of March: Patient-facing services to move in and become operational

Last two weeks of March: Final clear-out of the 1950s building

End of March: 1950s building is demolished

August/September: Final parking lot installed and full project complete

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?

Going forward, any questions you have about the new hospital project should be sent to Mary Jo Kerlin, coastal Marketing coordinator, at mkerlin@samhealth.org. Continue to follow our progress at samhealth.org/NewHospitalNewport