



Dear Friends, Neighbours and Community Partners of Bluewater Health:

The positive energy at Bluewater Health is building as the date for occupancy of our new state-of-the-art facilities draws nearer. As we prepare for this historic milestone, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this project! We hope you share our enthusiasm for this long-awaited change in local healthcare.

You may know that the hospital construction project is the largest public sector redevelopment project in the history of Sarnia-Lambton. With bright, modern and expanded patient care spaces, outfitted with the latest in technology, we look forward to delivering on our Mission: We create exemplary healthcare experiences for patients and families every time.

During the coming weeks, there will be a lot of activity to prepare for moving into our new space – some of it will be behind-the-scenes, and some will be apparent to those of you who live and work in the hospital area.

Tours

We will open our doors for a preview, during public tour days scheduled for Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope you will take the opportunity to join us on one of those two days to experience first-hand the changes within our hospital walls. Tours will be restricted to specific areas, so that the building can continue to be readied for our patient moves. Parking on tour days is available at Bluewater Health off Maria Street, and at St. Pat's High School on East Street, and shuttles are being offered from Bayside Centre, Northern Collegiate on Indian Road, and St. Clair Secondary School on Murphy Road. Cogeco TV will soon broadcast a walkthrough of our building for those who wish to see the new facility from the comfort of their home.

Moving our Patients

To facilitate our patient moves, we have enlisted a company called Health Care Relocations to plan and execute the transition to the new building. HCR, a Canadian company, are experts in moving hospitals. Our patient moves will occur in two phases. On Saturday, July 3, we will move patients within the Norman Site only. On Thursday, July 29, we will be transporting our patients from the Mitton Site via ambulance and Voyageur transport to the Norman/London site. HCR has notified police, fire and the City and we expect no disruption to the normal neighbourhood traffic flow. Six parking spots along George Street will be temporarily out of service until the moves are complete. We anticipate each move phase will take approximately four to five hours. We have spent months in planning for hospital occupancy, and we are confident that these moves will be well executed.

New Emergency Department

Of special note is the opening of Sarnia's new Emergency Department on Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 a.m. at the London Road/Norman Street location. The Emergency Department entrance is off Norman Street, with parking available there. At the same time – 6:00 a.m. on July 29 – the Emergency Department at Mitton Street will close its doors permanently. A telephone will be located at the Mitton Street Site Emergency Department entrance for those who need to be redirected to the new location.

Finding Your Way

For your convenience, a map of our new Sarnia hospital is available on our web site, www.bluewaterhealth.ca.

Visitor parking for the new facility will be available in the lot at the corner of Maria and Russell Streets. There are four parking spots at each entrance for patient and delivery drop-offs for a maximum of 20 minutes. Wheelchairs are available just inside each entrance. A limited number of parking spaces are available underground.

The main hospital entrance is adjacent to the main parking. Volunteers, located at the Welcome Centre inside the front entrance, are available to help patients and visitors.

Visiting Bluewater Health

Normal hospital visiting hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day with special arrangements made in specific circumstances to support patient care. After these hours, entry to the Sarnia hospital is through a controlled access door located to the east of the Main Entrance. On move days – July 3 and 29 – we will have some visitor restrictions in place until we get our patients settled in their new location. If you have a loved one in our care, please speak to their care provider for specific details regarding their move day.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that Bluewater Health is a smoke-free, latex-free and scent-free environment. We also ask that you use the hand wash stations located throughout the facility, whenever you enter or exit the hospital, to help minimize the spread of infection.

Mitton Street Site and Essex Street Building

After the patient moves on July 29, a number of services will remain at our Mitton Street Site while their future space is being renovated in the original building on Russell Street. These services include:

- Human Resources, Information Services, Occupational Health, Payroll and Finance
- Corporate Administration, Board Room, Education Centre, and Classrooms A & B
- Health Records (Transcription, Coders, Record Assembly)
- Spiritual Care
- Patient Safety
- Security
- Nurse Practitioner Clinic
- District Stroke Clinic
- Mental Health Inpatient unit
- Mental Health Outpatient services
- Nutrition & Food Services (Kitchen)
- Clinical Diabetes Outpatient services

These services are expected to move from the Mitton Street Site by the end of 2011.

The Mitton Street Site will be secured for staff and patient safety, with entrance and exit only through the main front doors.

We trust this information is helpful to you. However, if you have questions, please let us know. For more information, please call the Communications & Public Affairs Department at 519-464-4443, or contact us through our web site at www.bluewaterhealth.ca.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the thousands of donors who have supported us through this journey of transformation.



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Bluewater Health