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Grandview Announces Access Changes, Lobby Closure as Hospital Expansion Begins

DAYTON – Grandview Medical Center has started construction on its new five-story addition, and the \$40 million project has prompted the hospital to change traffic flow. The medical center is re-routing its driveway and main entrance, and these changes will be in effect until the addition opens in 2012.

“We have taken great care to ensure patients and family members have plenty of help in getting where they need to go,” said Grandview President Richard Haas. “We’ve enlisted extra security, transporters and volunteers to assist people. Plenty of new way-finding signs have been installed, and we are setting up additional information stations with plenty of wheelchairs for those who may need assistance.”

The new campus driveway off Grand Avenue will be between the Dayton Professional Center and the Christian Science Church, as the former main driveway will become a construction entrance. A new security station has been strategically placed to direct visitors, and the temporary main entrance will be within the first floor of the parking garage.

Grandview’s existing multi-story atrium lobby will be filled in to create more patient care areas and to facilitate more efficient heating and cooling. Access to the lower lobby will be closed off within two weeks of the front door closure, and the lower lobby will remain closed for about six weeks. Pre-

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admission testing, registration, radiology and pharmacy will remain in their present locations, and employees, signage and map cards will help visitors find these areas during construction.

“Some routes people take will change, but we will have more than enough staff to ensure a smooth transition,” said Dave Seidel, Vice President. “The end result will be well worth the temporary inconveniences. This project is going to give us new pre- and post-operative areas right next to our surgical suites. In the future, it will create 48 new private patient rooms, and it will also give us a welcoming lobby with a new cafeteria, kitchen and retail services.”

Grandview’s existing first floor cafeteria will be in use until the new second floor cafeteria opens in 2012. When the existing cafeteria closes, it will be demolished along with the portion of the building above it, a 1950’s construction. This demolition will make way for an expansive two-story front entrance and will make the hospital gateway visible from Grand Avenue.

“We will have an attractive drop-off/pickup area in front of our new wing, and our front entrance will no longer be invisible to the public,” Haas said. “People will be able to see our entrance from Grand Avenue. We are excited because you have not been able to view Grandview’s main entrance from a busy street for decades. This is a significant investment in the community, so we are proud to show it off.”

The project will dramatically change the look of the hospital inside and out. An attractive new front entrance will be fully visible from Grand Avenue and an expansive patient dropoff area will lead visitors to the doorway. Along with the 66,000-square-foot addition, there will be dramatic enhancements to 31,000 square feet of existing areas.

Karlsberger of Columbus has been hired as the architect, the project general contractor is Danis Building Construction Company, and Heapy Engineering is the mechanical contractor.

“We have not had major construction here in more than 25 years,” said Belinda Mallett, Vice President of Patient Care. “It is very gratifying because the changes will make our campus more attractive and will improve the flow and functionality for both patients and employees.”

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