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Catholic Health Receives Approval for New Hospital from New York State Department of Health

During a meeting held earlier today, New York State Department of Health's Public Health and Health Planning Council unanimously approved Catholic Health's Certificate of Need (CON) for the new Lockport Memorial Campus of Mount St. Mary's Hospital. At 60,000 square-feet, the neighborhood hospital will house state-of-the-art emergency, inpatient, imaging, and laboratory services as well as medical office space for primary care, women's health, and specialty medical practices.



"We are pleased with the Public Health and Health Planning Council's approval of Lockport Memorial Campus of Mount St. Mary's Hospital," said Joyce Markiewicz, Catholic Health Executive Vice President & Chief Business Development Officer. "We thank the Department of Health for their support of this project. With today's decision, we are another step closer to the vision of our neighborhood hospital."

The site of the new hospital will be off South Transit Road between Shimer Road and Ruhlmann Road, including a large portion of Hall's Apple Farm. Catholic Health and Mount St. Mary's Hospital have engaged the architectural design firm Clark Patterson Lee, which has begun the programming and schematic design phases of the project. Plans call for developing 22 acres of land on the Hall's Apple Farm property, which will include the hospital, 8,000 square feet of medical office space, a 278-car surface parking lot, adjacent helipad for emergency transport, and entrance off Shimer Road. Project leaders expect to begin construction in October, with the hospital targeted to open in early 2023.

"The new Lockport Memorial Campus of Mount St. Mary's Hospital will strengthen and preserve medical services for the community, while also ensuring an innovative, sustainable model of healthcare in the Niagara region," Markiewicz added. "We look forward to breaking ground in the fall and sharing more information about our neighborhood hospital model with the community."

Catholic Health first unveiled plans to build a new hospital in Lockport last October after Eastern Niagara Hospital entered into a management agreement with the health system. In an effort to prevent gaps in care, Eastern Niagara will remain open until the new hospital is built.

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