

Dartmouth General Hospital Redevelopment & Expansion QEII New Generation



November 2018

NEW ENTRANCE

On Dec. 10, Dartmouth General Hospital's new front entrance (facing Acadia St.) **opens** and the old entrance (facing Pleasant St.) **closes**. Please allow extra time when arriving at the hospital to become familiar with the new routes.

ENTRY TO THE **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT** HAS NOT CHANGED.

For construction notices and other information, visit:

www.nshealth.ca/dgh
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Copy of ad that will run in Star/Metro newspaper in December.

An update from Heather Francis, Director of Health Services and Dr. Todd Howlett, Chief of Staff/Site Medical Lead.

On December 10, the hospital's new front entrance opens. This marks the official halfway point of Dartmouth's redevelopment and the first newly created space we will be moving into. This new space will give our hospital an open, modern, welcoming public space for patients and community. To make patients and public aware of this upcoming change, advertisements will run in The Chronicle Herald and The Star/Metro newspapers, on Facebook and on the radio beginning in early December. In addition to paid media, all auto-generated patient letters now have a notice announcing the change in front entrance.

Also on December 10, we enter into the second phase of public space construction and renovations. This phase closes the original entrance, renovates

the former registration area and improves office space. As a result of this work, there are a few changes that will impact patients and staff/physicians. For roughly four months, the cardiology and pace-maker clinics of internal medicine will only be accessible through the external stairway door adjacent the new front entrance. We know that this is not ideal for patients or staff during the winter months and we appreciate your accommodation and flexibility during this time.

Also during this time, the door to the main floor stairwell will be inaccessible. The stairwell will be open for travel between floors, but for access to the main floor from the basement or second floors the elevator must be used. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Recap of ongoing work:

- Work on the generator building across Pleasant Street continues.
- Mechanical, electrical and steel stud installation is underway in the new addition.
- Renovations to the 5th floor inpatient unit continue.
- The new addition exterior is now in place.
- Work on the parking lot is well underway with a retaining wall in place and underground waterworks installation in progress.
- In the back of the hospital, work is happening in the small parking lot adjacent the new addition and loading dock area.
- Lateral bracing (reinforcing the hospital structure) in the morgue area also continues.

Your thoughts, concerns, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Your input is a crucial part of this project's success. E-mail the QEII New Generation project team at: QE2DGHNewGeneration@nshealth.ca.

Our intranet site is regularly updated. Visit <http://intra.nshealth.ca/QERedevProj/> and click on the Dartmouth General Hospital icon.

Until next time,
Heather and Todd