

A message to the community

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There has been a lot of discussion and concern recently about West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH). You should know we care deeply about the communities and families we serve in West Niagara. We want to assure the community that there is no plan to close the hospital. In fact, we are planning to build a new WLMH.

At the same time, safety and quality care are top priorities for Hamilton Health Sciences. The safety of our patients is not optional and we are committed to providing all our patients high quality care.

Until we can completely rebuild, we have to ensure our current facility allows us to deliver on our commitment to high quality, safe patient care. It will take five years or more to plan and build the new hospital, once we get government funding and approval.

Right now, this 75-year old building needs several important upgrades to meet safety standards for medical care. This will require significant renovation. It will also require some hospital services to be located elsewhere at least some of the time during construction.

The Emergency Department at WLMH will remain open 24/7 during this period.

Our planning for this work has only started. We have yet to determine precisely when services will be impacted, or for how long. We are listening to all the options and ideas people have about how to reduce the impact on the community. We all need to work together.

Safety matters to all of us. The future of WLMH matters to all of us. You can provide your feedback and learn more at hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/wlmh.

