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Catholic Health to Open Temporary Emergency Department in Lockport on June 18

To ensure continuity of emergency care for the local community, Catholic Health will open a temporary Emergency Department at 5875 S. Transit Rd. in Lockport on June 18 at 12:01 a.m. following the closure of Eastern Niagara Hospital on June 17. Mount St. Mary's Hospital will operate the 24/7 Emergency Department until the new Lockport Memorial Hospital opens in September.

The Emergency Department will accept ambulances from area fire companies and EMS providers. UBMD Emergency Medicine will provide physician services at the site. "Based on our experience, we expect about 90 percent of patients at the Lockport ER to be treated and released to home," said Dr. Jennifer Rogers, who will serve as Medical Director of the site. "For the remaining patients, we will stabilize and transfer to other appropriate care settings as needed."

The fully-equipped Emergency Department, which will be known as Mount St. Mary's Lockport Emergency Room, will include on-site mobile CT scanning. Ambulance services will be available to transfer patients requiring higher levels of care. Catholic Health offers comprehensive, heart, stroke, vascular, orthopedic, and Intensive Care services throughout its hospital network.

"We would like to thank the New York State Department of Health for helping us work through the regulatory requirements of converting an Urgent Care center into a full-service ER," said CJ Urlaub, SVP of Strategic Partnerships, Integration & Care Delivery in Niagara County and President of Mount St. Mary's Hospital. "I would also like to thank our implementation team at Mount St. Mary's and from across Catholic Health, for their 'all hands on deck approach' to open this facility in record time and ensure families throughout Lockport and its surrounding communities would have access to vitally needed emergency services."

The Emergency Department will remain in operation until Lockport Memorial Hospital opens its doors. "We look forward to serving the emergency care needs of residents throughout Eastern Niagara County as we get ready to open the new Lockport Memorial Hospital, which will provide expanded inpatient, outpatient, diagnostic, and emergency services in a modern, comfortable and convenient setting," said Joyce Markiewicz, EVP & Chief Business Development Officer for Catholic Health.

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