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## **Lockport Memorial Hospital to Open at 8 a.m. on October 10**

*Hospital ER, Inpatient Unit, and Diagnostic Services will begin seeing patients*

Lockport Memorial Hospital, a campus of Mount St. Mary's Hospital, will open its doors at 8:00 a.m. today (October 10, 2023). Catholic Health first announced plans to build the new "neighborhood" hospital in Lockport nearly three years ago to ensure more than 80,000 residents in the surrounding community would continue to have access to high quality healthcare following the closure of Eastern Niagara Hospital.

The 60,000 square-foot facility features an 18-bed full-service Emergency Department; 10-bed inpatient unit with the ability to expand to 20 beds; diagnostic imaging and laboratory services, including blood draw; and medical offices for primary care, women's health, and specialty care services. All services are fully operational today, except for the medical offices, which are slated to open by the end of October. Mount St. Mary's temporary emergency room at 5875 S. Transit Road in Lockport, which has been open since mid-June, will close today at 8 a.m. to coincide with the opening of the Emergency Department at Lockport Memorial.

The hospital is located at 6001 Shimer Drive on a portion of land that was previously part of Hall's Apple Farm, a local landmark in the Lockport community. Catholic Health secured bond financing, public and private grants, and charitable donations to help fund the \$70 million project.

Lockport Memorial's neighborhood hospital model creates a multi-purpose healthcare facility to meet the needs of area residents. With emergency, inpatient, diagnostic, and physician services, the hospital will care for patients when they are sick or injured, provide primary and specialty care to help people maintain their health and, when needed, offer direct access to the advanced medical and surgical services available throughout Catholic Health.

Plans are currently underway to create an emergency vehicle access road from Route 93, the Lockport Bypass, to expedite hospital access for ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

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