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### Temporary Sechelt Hospital emergency department patient drop-off change

Dear community partners of Sechelt Hospital,

We would like to inform you of upcoming renovations to the Sechelt Hospital emergency department. We are upgrading our emergency department (ED) to improve the safety and privacy of patients and staff in our hospital and meet the growing needs of our community. On Monday, December 4, 2023, pre-construction activities will begin.

During the construction period there will be significant changes to the parking at our hospital. We would appreciate your help ensuring patients coming to our hospital feel supported through these changes.

If you are sending any individuals to Sechelt Hospital please let them know that both entrances to the hospital remain the same, but the vehicle drop-off area has changed.

The roundabout drop off zone in front of the ED will be closed, to make room for a mobile medical unit (MMU) and individuals are being redirected to the temporary 10-minute patient drop-off parking. HandiDART bus drop-off and pick-up will now be located in front of the East Main Entrance to the hospital. Signage and security will provide directions from the new drop-off area to ED entrance.

To help reduce unnecessary congestion in the waiting room we also ask that patients coming into the ED limit the number of visitors accompanying them to one whenever possible.

Please remind any individuals going to SH whose destination is not the ED – including for medical imaging appointments - that they should use the East Main Entrance to help reduce congestion at the temporary 10-minute ED patient drop-off area.

We appreciate your support through these upgrades. We expect the project to be completed in Summer 2024. If you have any questions please contact Marie Duperreault, Director Sunshine Coast at [marie.duperreault@vch.ca](mailto:marie.duperreault@vch.ca)

