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HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE AT SHHA: TEMPORARY ACCESS DISRUPTED

The South Huron Hospital Association (SHHA) is in the final completion stage of the main lobby/Emergency Department (ED) waiting area renovations. The last element of the work involves the installation of new automatic sliding doors. Access to the main entrance of the hospital will be restricted over an eight-hour period on both Friday, June 16 and Monday, June 19. However, at no time, will safe egress be compromised.

On Friday, June 16th, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., access to the hospital via the Huron Street (Main Entrance) will only be permitted for those coming to the Emergency Department. All non-emergency patients will be re-directed by signage and volunteers.

- Some outpatient services may be closed and patients rescheduled or you may be given other directions by your healthcare provider.
- Patients scheduled to see Michael Callihoo in the Spirometry clinic will be relocated to the South Huron Medical Centre (23 Huron Street West, Exeter)
- Visitors to the inpatient unit will be required to access the hospital through the hospital patio entrance via Huron Street.

On Monday, June 19th, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. **all access to the hospital via the main entrance will be closed.**

- **Patients requiring treatment in the ED will access the hospital via the ambulance entrance on this day only.**
- Some outpatient services may be closed and patients rescheduled or you may be given other directions by your healthcare provider.
- Patients scheduled to see Dr. Howard or scheduled for an echocardiogram with Gary Kornstein will be relocated to the South Huron Medical Centre (23 Huron Street West, Exeter)

- Visitors will be required to access the hospital through the hospital patio entrance via Huron Street

SHHA recognizes that the main entrance closure may lead to increased vehicular traffic and congestion around the Emergency Entrance. The Hospital asks that members of the public be mindful of ambulances and other emergency responders who must also use the Emergency Entrance.

Signage will be posted to help guide visitors and patients during the two days. Volunteers will also be on hand to provide additional assistance.

SHHA is proud of the improvements being made. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause during these two days and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.