
PROJECT UPDATE

TO: WESTMINSTER VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
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Progress

In some of the best news that we have had so far, we finally received approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health to occupy the new Martin Health Center! We have been discussing the transition with residents, visitors and staff, and there has been an overwhelming sense of excitement. Moves into the new building will be happening next Thursday, November 1st and Friday, November 2nd.

In other exciting news, we were very happy to open the completed section of the new formal dining room. Dinner was served there on Tuesday night and by all accounts the transition has been extremely good.

The ring road to connect Buildings 1 and 2 has been poured and we are waiting for that to cure. Extensive progress has been made for the overflow parking area just off of the new Mercer entrance.

Upcoming Activities

Outside, we anticipate that the ring road between Buildings 1 and 2 to be ready for use on Monday, October 29th. There is some final electrical work needed for site lighting and that should be wrapped up by next Friday, November 2nd. Assuming the weather remains favorable, Stark plans to pour concrete for the overflow parking next Wednesday, October 31st and Thursday, November 1st. Two concrete pours will be needed to complete this work. We hope to open that lot, as well as the left turn off of the new drive, by early the following week. Additional communication will follow regarding that project.

Now that the new dining area is open there will be a temporary wall built to isolate the "old" dining area. This is being done so that we can complete the mainly cosmetic finishes that need to be done in anticipation of opening the entire dining room before Christmas.

As the weather changes we are aware that there has been a “draft” that may come from the new front entrance. Several weeks ago, we ordered an air curtain which will be put into place above this new entrance to mitigate this draft. These are very common in business vestibules and we are waiting for the unit to arrive. Some electrical and wiring prep work has been completed so it can be installed as soon as it arrives.

At Martin Health Center we are planning to move all resident and visitor traffic to the new temporary entrance on **Monday, November 5th**. Staff have been working to communicate with families, visitors, students, vendors, etc. Lacey is working on a detailed written communication for everyone that will be distributed next week. We will ensure that all visitors will have plenty of direct access parking for the new temporary entrance and staff will park in other areas of the campus while this entrance is in use.

We truly appreciate all of the understanding and support during this transition. We know that next week will be both exciting and busy, and we will have lots of staff assisting with the process to make things go as smoothly as possible. It’s not too often that you get the opportunity to move 46 residents into a new building in just a couple of days!

As always, do not hesitate to offer suggestions and/or bring your questions regarding these many activities to us.