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Emergency department construction begins this month at PRH

PENTICTON – South Okanagan and Similkameen residents are advised that construction will begin this month at Penticton Regional Hospital (PRH) as part of Phase 2 of the David E. Kampe Tower project, which includes renovations to the emergency department (ED), the pharmacy and material stores at PRH.

The most significant of Phase 2 construction is a complete renovation and expansion of the emergency department, which will modernize the ED, significantly increase its size and improve patient and staff flows. Renovations will take place in multiple phases with the department remaining open to the public for the duration of the project.

To access the emergency department, patients will use the regular ED entrance off Carmi Avenue. All other patients are directed to use the main entrance to the David E. Kampe Tower off Government Street or through the David E. Kampe Tower parkade, via the first level.

The exception is for maternity patients who should use the emergency department entrance and then be directed to maternity services.

Once construction begins, patients will notice increased construction activity in the emergency department. During construction, travel routes for patients within the department may be adjusted as work continues. Staff will be on hand to help direct patients.

Parking for the emergency department is available off Carmi Avenue in front of the ED entrance. Patient parking for all other services at PRH is available in levels P1, P2 and P3 of the parkade attached to the David E. Kampe Tower. The public is also advised that parking Lot 1 off Industrial Avenue has transitioned back to staff-only parking. The hospital entrance off Industrial Avenue is also now a staff-only entrance.

During Phase 2 of the David E. Kampe Tower project, renovations will also take place to expand and relocate the PRH pharmacy and to expand the material stores area.

The project is expected to take two years, with the renovation and expansion set for completion in the fall of 2021.

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