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## Temporary relocation of main entrance at Kelowna General Hospital

Construction activity on the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre requires the following temporary closure at Kelowna General Hospital:

- **Main entrance and roundabout driveway at the Centennial Building** will be closed to all traffic and pedestrians for 10 weeks: **Saturday, August 23 to Friday, October 31.**

During the closure, the main entrance to KGH will be closed and **temporarily relocated** to the east side of the Centennial Building directly underneath the Pandosy Skywalk where a new set of double doors has been installed.

This work is necessary to build a front entrance for the IHSC and tie it in with the Centennial Building, and to incorporate the turnaround and patient drop-off area with the new building.

This temporary closure also affects the current pick-up/drop-off of patients as the roundabout driveway in front of the Centennial entrance will also be closed throughout this time. New driveways have been constructed to allow traffic to access the temporary main entrance directly from Pandosy Street.

**There is no change to Emergency patient drop-off during this time. Patients requiring emergency treatment can be dropped off at the Emergency Department entrance on Royal Avenue.**

Non-emergency patients may be dropped off at one of three entrances:

- **Temporary main hospital entrance (east side of Centennial Building).** Drop patients off at the temporary entrance off Pandosy Street – located directly under the Pandosy Skywalk.
- **Lab building (Dr. Walter Anderson Building).** Take the elevator to the third floor and walk across Pandosy Skywalk to access the Centennial Building and the rest of the KGH site.
- **West side of KGH (Strathcona Building).** Drop patients off at the west entrance from Strathcona Avenue.

We are doing everything we can to ensure visitors to KGH – especially those visitors who are most vulnerable – experience as little inconvenience as possible as we expand patient care services at KGH.

If possible, during this time, please plan to take extra time to get to appointments at KGH. Try to carpool, walk or use transit. And please be respectful of the neighbourhood residents when parking.

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**Editors:** Two maps are provided – one showing the whole site, and the other zoomed in on the affected area.

