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# Uniontown Hospital Media

## Release

**Main entrance reopens, signals beginning of campus improvement plan**

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The new and improved main entrance to Uniontown Hospital will reopen Tuesday, marking the start of several years of planned improvements to the hospital campus with an eye toward improving ease of access for patients and visitors and improved visitor and patient safety.

“The opening of our new main entrance is the beginning of a new phase of strategic improvements that are specifically designed to provide better, convenient access, advance patient and visitor safety, and improve the overall aesthetics of the hospital campus,” CEO Steve Handy, said. “We want to ensure safe and expedient access to the health care that our community depends on.”

After being temporarily shuttered for renovations in recent months, the main entrance will reopen with additional space outside the building for traffic and an expansive overhead shelter area for patients to be afforded some protection from the elements as they enter the facility.

“The main entrance area, both outside the building and inside the entry has been overhauled to provide easier access for patient drop off as well as a change in how the entry is configured,” Don Record, Executive Director of Support Services said. “The new design will help to eliminate air flow from

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## *Main entrance to reopen*

outside the building into the main lobby, reducing cold air intake in the winter months at that location.”

The main entrance project is just one part of a multi-phase renovation plan at the hospital, as exterior upgrades to multiple parking areas resulted in changing traffic patterns throughout the summer, and work continues on external areas along Delaware Avenue.

“Our acquisition of multiple properties surrounding the hospital has been part of our continued planning to make the campus as user friendly for our community as possible,” Handy said, noting that projects for additional entrances to the facility and other upgrades – including the installation of a new garden entrance to the hospital to allow quick access to diagnostic services – will begin in the coming months.

During the main entrance revamp, the hospital had created a temporary “main entrance” near the entrance to the Emergency Department while the construction project was underway.

That entrance will now close and signage and assistance will be provided to help patients and visitors access the building through the revamped main entrance.

The redesigned main entrance will be fully functional for hospital foot traffic; however, a few aesthetic features will continue to be wrapped up in coming weeks, Record said.

“We are grateful to our patients and visitors that have been understanding and patient as we work to make a healthy difference in our community,” Record said.