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Centegra's Huntley hospital to open Aug. 9



Video: Tour of new hospital



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From emergency care to obstetrics, residents of Huntley and surrounding communities soon will have access to medical services nearby with the long-awaited completion of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

The roughly \$230 million, 360,000-square-foot hospital -- being built off Haligus Road, between Algonquin and Reed roads on Centegra's existing health campus -- is scheduled to open Aug. 9. Community members will be able to tour the facility during a Family Health Fest July 16.

Centegra, McHenry County's largest employer, has hospitals in McHenry and Woodstock with more than 500 physicians on staff with privileges throughout the system.

The Huntley hospital is expected to employ more than 1,000 people, including roughly 200 physicians and 450 associates to be hired initially. It offers 100 medical surgical beds, a full-service emergency department, a women's

center with 20 private obstetric rooms, eight intensive care beds, 24-hour pediatric care, special care nursery, joint and hip replacement center, a new cardiac catheterization laboratory and cardiology services, and a helipad for transporting critical patients. An outpatient pharmacy will allow patients to get their prescription medications filled before discharge.

"We've taken the best of everything we've got at McHenry and Woodstock and brought it together here," said Mike Eesley, Centegra Health System (<http://centegra.org/>) chief executive officer.

The five-story structure is on 110 acres overlooking clusters of homes spanning several communities. The campus includes the Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center, which has an outdoor pool, and two medical office buildings. The hospital will be connected through enclosed walkways to the medical offices.

The four-story medical office building will be completed in 2017. Tenants will include Centegra doctors and specialists, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, (<https://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/>) which will have a 30,000-square-foot regional campus within, and an outpatient renal dialysis center.

The hospital is expected to draw patients from towns north and south of the Interstate 90 corridor, including Algonquin, Crystal Lake, Lake in the Hills and Hampshire.

Its entrance, lobby, waiting areas and patient rooms are designed to be inviting with more of a hotel-like feel. Artwork adorns the walls aimed at "soothing" visitors.

The emergency room and other critical services such as intensive care, surgery, respiratory care and radiology are grouped to make flow seamless.

A Level II trauma center, the Huntley hospital is equipped to stabilize even the most critical trauma patients before they are flown to Level I trauma centers, such as Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (<http://www.advocatehealth.com/luth>) in Park Ridge, Froedtert Hospital (<http://www.froedtert.com/>) in Milwaukee, and any Northwestern Memorial HealthCare (<http://nmhc.nm.org/>) system hospitals.

Centegra hospitals jointly serve roughly 325,000 patients yearly. The Huntley hospital will add nearly 100,000 patients, Eesley said.

Centegra Health System's roughly 4,000 employees and more than 200 physicians and allied health professionals are now part of the Northwestern HealthCare family. That partnership will provide access to more specialty services, Eesley said.

Centegra also is partnering with [Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](https://www.luriechildrens.org/en-us/Pages/index.aspx) (<https://www.luriechildrens.org/en-us/Pages/index.aspx>) to staff the Huntley hospital with board-certified pediatricians who will provide 24-hour inpatient care, coordinate with children's primary care physicians, and assist with pediatric emergencies.

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