

Martin Luther Care Center Renovation Updates

What will happen first? The first thing we will do is build a temporary area to be used for physical, occupational and speech therapy. We will build this area using space in the South Dining Room. Therapy equipment will be moved to the temporary space. Only a portion of the Dining Room will be used as the temporary therapy area. The remaining space in the Dining Room will still be available for our long term care resident meals.

What will happen next? The existing therapy area is part of the transitional care unit. Several years ago TCU rooms were decommissioned and the rooms were turned into the therapy area. A temporary resident ward will be restored in the therapy area. We will make 20 rooms with no more than 2 people to a room.

When the permanent reconstruction of the North building is finished the temporary wing will be removed and patients will go into the newly built wing.

Will you continue to admit new people during construction? Absolutely! All of the existing nursing units and services will be in place in both long and short term units.

How will this impact patient care and comfort? The impact will be minimally disruptive. Patients will be able to see and hear construction. We studied other facilities' construction projects and learned that most patients actually found watching the construction entertaining, exciting, and energizing. Similarly, care center staff have reported that patient care was not compromised. Staff also reported that construction improved their teamwork and sense of camaraderie.

How will reconstruction impact your long term care residents? Residents will live in the South Building until the new suites are constructed. They'll move to the newly constructed areas and the old parts of the South Building will be demolished.

How will reconstruction impact your adult day program participants? A new day program area is going to be built. Once the new setting is finished, our adult day program will move in.

How long will reconstruction take? We are estimating that all construction will be finished 14-16 months after we begin.

Where will everyone park? We have arranged for many staff to park offsite at Lutheran Church of the Redemption. Construction workers will park in a designated area on our grounds.

How will the new areas be decorated? Our designers have created “color boards” for each new area of the Martin Luther Care Center and Adult Day Program. There you will see fabric selections, floor and wall coverings, color choices and other samples to give you an idea of how fabulous everything will look. You can view the color boards at our upcoming groundbreaking or upon request.

How can I stay abreast of construction progress? We will keep you updated through our website (www.martinluthercampus.com) and newsletters. In addition, you are welcome to call Jody Barney (952-948-5150, jbarney1@fairview.org) with any questions or concerns.