

New Hospital UPDATE

St. Michael
Medical Center

Moving to Silverdale 12/12/20

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What you need to know

What happens on December 12?

- On December 12, SMMC's Level III Trauma Care will move from Bremerton to Silverdale. All patients in need of emergency care, acute care, or trauma care should proceed to the Silverdale emergency department beginning December 12.
- A freestanding outpatient emergency department will remain on the Bremerton campus until CHI Franciscan opens its urgent care center in 2021.
- Beginning December 12, patients using ambulance transport will be directed to the Silverdale campus, not the Bremerton campus, for emergency care.
- With over 30 physicians providing addiction care, behavioral health, primary care, family care, obstetrics, sports medicine, and more, the NW Family Medicine Residency Program will continue serving patients at the CHI Franciscan Family Medicine Clinic at 4207 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA 98312.
- Formerly Harrison Medical Center, St. Michael Medical Center honors the rich legacy of the Harrison family and serves the Kitsap Peninsula, including Kitsap, North Mason, Clallam, and Jefferson counties, as part of CHI Franciscan's system of 10 hospitals and 230 specialty clinics.

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Growing Together: Preparing for the Saint Michael Medical Center Silverdale Grand Opening on December 12

With striking Olympic Mountain views and a campus that intersects Silverdale's Clear Creek Trail, the newly expanded St. Michael Medical Center (SMMC) is deeply rooted in its community. This strong community connection is reflected in the next stage of SMMC's growth: The grand opening of the Silverdale expansion on December 12.

By 7 a.m. on December 12, the new facility's emergency department will be fully operational and all SMMC inpatient care will take place in Silverdale, said SMMC Chief of Staff Griffith M. Blackmon, MD.

For the past year, Dr. Blackmon and a large team of health care providers, hospital staff, building design experts, and community partners have been carefully orchestrating the move to the new 500,000 square foot expansion. The state-of-the-art facility will house all SMMC inpatient care, surgical services, cardiovascular services, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, and acute trauma care services, creating an inclusive, efficient health care delivery center for the Peninsula region.

"We involved community members in the planning," said Ronn Goodnough, program manager for clinical design with CHI Franciscan. "A whole host of people were involved in the process of bringing this space to life."

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Opening the Silverdale expansion to the community involves moving patients from the 242-bed Bremerton hospital to the Silverdale facility. Before dawn on December 12, teams of trained first responders will transfer all Bremerton inpatients to SMMC Silverdale. Patients will spend the night of December 11 in Bremerton, then begin the next day at the new facility. "From a patient care perspective, the process will be seamless," Dr. Blackmon said.

Dr. Blackmon and his staff worked with health care design experts and medical transport agencies to plan and practice every aspect of the move. "The planning process for the move has been over a year in duration, and it's a collaboration between our architects NBBJ, who support hospital moves all across the country, Olympic Ambulance, Central Kitsap Fire District, medical transport agencies, and our providers and staff," said Dr. Blackmon.

The team has performed highly detailed mock moves that include precise pathways for moving every patient safely and comfortably to the new facility, said Dr. Blackmon. "We continue to run through the move in detail, from door to door. Our top priority is patient safety."