The purpose of this bulletin is to inform staff, patients, visitors and the neighbors close to the University of Washington Medical Center Northwest campus about the Behavioral Health Teaching Facility (BHTF) construction project. This bulletin will be published quarterly during the design phase and monthly during the construction phase. Please see the webpage for more information about the project, construction logistics and the milestone schedule. https://facilities.uw.edu/projects/behavioral-health-teaching-facility

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The photo below was taken on May 23rd, erection of floors 4 and 5 were currently being installed.

Erection of structural steel began in the first week of May and is slated for completion in late June. This work is loud and creates mild odors, as steel is bolted and welded together. Concrete deliveries resume the second week of June and continue through mid-July. Once concrete is poured on a floor level, fireproofing is applied. Concrete, steel, and fireproofing work require delivery trucks and heavy equipment to enter and leave the jobsite, resulting in noise and intermittent closures of the campus loop road. The connection to the existing A-wing building will be ongoing through June. Alternative drop off zones and access to the Emergency Department are established for this work. If needed, crews may work on Saturdays between 9am and 6pm in accordance with the approved Construction Management Plan. We appreciate your patience with potential noise disturbance.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The new Behavioral Health Teaching Facility will be a one-of-a-kind fully integrated welcoming and healing environment for individuals struggling with serious physical and behavioral health problems. The building will support a full continuum of clinical services ranging from effective medication management and psychotherapies to state-of-the art neuromodulation treatments, medical and surgical care for individuals with medical and behavioral health disorders. The building will also become the home for an interdisciplinary training and workforce development program that is focused on preparing and supporting the next generation of behavioral health providers for Washington State.

If you have any questions about the upcoming work at UWMC Northwest, please feel free to contact us and we would be glad to provide any additional information.

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