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 monthly once the Behavioral Health Teaching Facility is actively under construction in the late spring/summer of 2021. 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

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The new Behavioral Health Teaching Facility located on the University of Washington Medical Center Northwest Campus 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. The Behavioral Health Teaching Facility will be located on the current site of D-Wing, which will be demolished in advance of building construction. In alignment with the expectations set out in the State’s House Bill 1593, the 191,000 square foot facility will include 150 inpatient beds with associated support, a Neuromodulation suite serving both inpatient and outpatient needs, tele-psychiatric consultation rooms, a complement of offices and workrooms to support graduate medical education, multi-use conference space to accommodate community and provider education, and food services including a kitchen, server and dining spaces.

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The Design Build team is wrapping up the Project Definition phase of the UW BHTF project. The proposed design includes a six-story building. The project team is currently preparing a construction logistics area in parking lot E for a construction trailer delivery and set-up, and the installation of an over-sized load access gate on Burke Avenue.
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Enabling projects are underway to create space for the current occupants and services in D-Wing and prepare for demolition in spring 2021. In planning for construction activities, thoughtful consideration was given to minimizing impact to medical center operations and neighbors. Parking lot E was identified as the most logical place to stage construction, as this lot will be reconfigured as part of the project. The plan took care to preserve trees and to improve upon the landscape buffer in the final design.

The construction logistics area in parking lot E and a temporary construction entrance at the NE corner, off Burke Avenue, will be established the week of November 9. This requires the removal of three trees in the parking lot area and the removal of shrubs on the NE corner of the site on Burke Avenue. Locations for the replacement of removed trees, at a 2:1 ratio, is under design and updates will be shared at the next Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) anticipated for January 2021. Priority will be given to enhancing the property line buffer, the campus tree canopy and the pedestrian experience on campus.

The temporary construction entrance off Burke Avenue will be used for large truck deliveries only; a majority of construction deliveries will be through the main campus entrance. The first delivery is the construction trailer, scheduled for the week of November 9. The next delivery is currently scheduled for November 20th and 21st. Delivery schedule changes will be updated on the project webpage.

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