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

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Construction activities in the upcoming month include completion of soil excavation and compaction, large material deliveries, and asphalt paving to repair the loop road. These activities require deliveries from large trucks and short-term lane closures on the campus loop road during construction hours, 7:30am to 5pm. We are sensitive to not blocking traffic in either direction for very long, but drivers may experience a short delay. Noise from trucks and paving equipment, as well as odors from asphalt paving will result from these activities. It is challenging to contain noise and odors outside, but we will monitor external conditions that may cause these impacts to spread to the hospital or neighbors and try to mitigate to the extent possible. We appreciate your patience.

In this photo you can see that the soil retention wall that has been excavated as far as 20 feet down has been completed. This allowed the completion of the existing buildings demolition.

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.