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## **Hotel Dieu Hospital re-locates patient drop-off area during construction project *Brock St. vehicle ramp closes for 10 weeks***

(Kingston, ON) Spring is coming but Hotel Dieu Hospital is already thinking about next winter as it moves ahead over the next few months with an overhaul of the snow melting system under the vehicle ramp at its Brock Street entrance.

The 10-week project will temporarily close the ramp to cars and taxis. The walkway to the Brock St. entrance will continue to accommodate foot traffic.

For the duration of the project, patients being dropped off and picked up by car or taxi will be directed to an alternate vehicle ramp adjacent to the Emergency Dept. entrance, just west of the corner of Bagot and Brock Streets. Signage at the work site and on surrounding streets will steer drivers to the temporary ramp.

Hoarding at the Brock Street entrance will protect patients, visitors and staff throughout the construction. Other measures being taken include assigning additional security officers at the temporary ramp to assist patients and providing telephone lines at that entrance for taxi or local calls.

“The safety and comfort of patients, staff and community members have been a vital part of our planning process for this project,” says Debra Krakow, capital projects manager at Hotel Dieu.

“We’ve been consulting closely with the City to ensure that appropriate signage is in place so drivers know where to go when dropping off and picking up patients. And we’ll be monitoring the situation constantly to ensure that people travelling by car or on foot aren’t overly inconvenienced by this construction work.”

The result, she says, will be well worthwhile. “Hotel Dieu will end up with a safer and cleaner ramp that requires much less maintenance than is required now. That’s good news for patients faced with navigating that ramp during the winter months, and it’s good stewardship of hospital resources.”

*Hotel Dieu Hospital is the ambulatory care teaching hospital for Kingston and Southeastern Ontario, providing expert care to more than 500,000 people in the region. Our specialized services include outpatient pediatrics, ophthalmology, diabetes education, breast assessment, day surgery, urgent care and mental health programs. Affiliated with Queen's University, we are partners within Kingston's university hospitals, delivering quality health care, leading innovative research and training the health care professionals of tomorrow.*

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