

Ontario Expanding Emergency Care for Brantford Families*Upgraded Mental Health Unit Also Coming to Brantford General Hospital***NEWS**

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Ontario is improving emergency and mental health care in Brantford by supporting the redevelopment, expansion and renovation of Brantford General Hospital.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was at Brantford General Hospital today to make the announcement. As part of the redevelopment, the emergency room will be enhanced to include new entrances, and renovations will be completed to improve visibility for patients and staff and ensure patient privacy and confidentiality.

The Inpatient Mental Health Unit at Brantford General Hospital will also be renovated to provide a safe physical space for patients and their families, and existing inpatient areas will be upgraded to make them more comfortable.

Building and expanding hospitals is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

"The Ontario government is committed to improving access to care by investing in hospital upgrades such as the emergency department expansion and renovated mental health unit at Brantford General Hospital. These enhancements strengthen health care in Brantford by providing new and modern facilities for health care providers to help patients every day."

— Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"This is an absolutely fantastic announcement! Health care delivery and our hospital system has been my main focus for some time. Many people working together over the years have awaited this day. Our growing city and surrounding area needed this investment. I want to thank this Minister and the previous Minister for their commitment to health care in our riding and in the province."

— Dave Levac, MPP, Brant

"On behalf of the patients and families we serve and the dedicated staff, physicians and volunteers at BCHS, we are grateful for this announcement. The improvement in the physical environments in both the Emergency Department & Mental Health areas will enhance our ability to give exceptional patient care, while respecting the dignity of patients and families. We thank the Minister of Health and the Government of Ontario for their commitment to the communities of Brantford and Brant County."

— Bonnie Adamson, Supervisor, Brant Community Healthcare System

QUICK FACTS

- Last year, Brantford General Hospital had over 54,000 emergency department visits.
- This expansion and partial renovation represents the first phase of work on the hospital's emergency department.
- Ontario is providing funding for over [2,000 additional beds and spaces](#) across the province in 2017-18.

- Ontario will be providing ongoing support for hospitals and investing \$187 million in 2018-19 to make more beds available across the province.

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