TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019:

This week there’s been new information shared in the community that MVHS plans to continue operating both existing hospitals plus the new medical center, and that the organization is re-considering building the new medical center at the St. Luke’s Campus. Is this true?

This information is not accurate.

First, the fact is that all inpatient acute care hospital and emergency room services, currently available at the St. Luke’s and St. Elizabeth Campuses, will be moved to the new regional medical center in Downtown Utica. This includes:

- Emergency Services, Trauma Services, Radiology and Clinical Laboratory Services
- Surgical Innovation Center (operating rooms), robotic surgery, cardiac catheterization and interventions, electrophysiology labs, Interventional Radiology and Endoscopy
- Critical and Intensive Care
- Maternity and Special Care Nursery
- Intermediate Care
- Medical/Surgical Services
- Pediatrics
- Behavioral Health

The potential repurposing of the existing hospital buildings is being evaluated by CHA Consulting, Inc., an Albany-based engineering consulting firm. In fact, CHA Consulting is conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the potential reuse of all three campuses (Faxton, St. Luke’s and St. Elizabeth). While we anticipate that the Faxton Campus will continue to house the MVHS Cancer Center, Urgent Care, Outpatient Dialysis, Outpatient Rehabilitation and other ancillary services, we believe that part of our due diligence is to make sure all the campus evaluations are as comprehensive as possible. CHA’s report and recommendations are due early next year (2020).

The St. Elizabeth College of Nursing and the Marian Medical Building (which houses CNY Cardiology, other physician services, lab and other outpatient services) will remain at the existing St. Elizabeth Campus on Genesee Street and the Center for Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Services, which houses services such as the MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Senior Network Health and others, along with the Professional Office Building, will remain on the St. Luke’s Campus on Champlin Avenue.

And, the new MVHS Regional Medical Center is being built in Downtown Utica. The St. Luke’s Campus is not an option and there are no active discussions or groups examining a change to this location. Anyone claiming something else is simply continuing to spread propaganda.