TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019:

Will we have the opportunity to see what the inside of the new medical center will look like?

Yes! More than 600 Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) employees, along with the architectural firm working on the new medical center, NBBJ, held more than 200 user group meetings to design the new medical center from the inside-out. This approach to design helped ensure that the layout of the building provides the best space for staff to give exceptional patient care. Last year, mock rooms were constructed at the New Hartford Medical Office - Crossroads Plaza building. The mock rooms brought to life the decisions made in the design meetings and helped provide spatial awareness as to how big the rooms would be and where things would be located. This provided the opportunity to test out the location of items such as computers, medical equipment, bed, outlets, etc. to ensure they were in the correct location before the plans were finalized. This was a vital step in the process as once the design documents are completed, changes cannot be made.

Now that the interior design of the building is complete, the mock rooms will be outfitted with flooring, wall color, ceilings and other elements that will reflect how an actual room will look. The patient rooms included in the mock room layout are: Intensive Care, Medical-Surgical, Emergency Department, Behavioral Health, a Pre- and Post-Procedure room and an Operating Room. The rooms will be outfitted with as much actual equipment and design elements as possible to reflect how they will look once the medical center is open. The Operating Room will not have its actual equipment due to the extreme cost of the equipment.

The updated mock rooms will be complete in the next few weeks and will be open to staff to tour or for staff meetings. Additionally, a media event will be hosted in the space and we will designate times for the public to come tour the rooms. More information on these events will be shared as it becomes available.