TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019:

Will work on the new Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) Regional Medical Center continue throughout the winter?

Yes, work on the new regional medical center will continue throughout the winter. The project’s construction schedule was developed to account for potential impacts by snow and cold weather. In addition, there is a significant amount of work that will be done throughout the winter season regardless of cold temperatures.

So what work will be done this winter?

- The abatement and razing of buildings in the footprint of the new medical center building will continue this winter.
- Underground utility and water/sewer line work will begin this month.
- Once the site is cleared, soil testing will occur. This means the soil will be tested to determine its composition and whether or not it needs to be compacted to support footings for the new building.
- Once the soil assessment is complete, soil remediation can begin which will be followed by foundation work starting in late winter/early spring.

Safety on the site is of the utmost importance which is why our construction manager, Gilbane Building Company, is working with organizations such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to ensure a safe and functional work site for the winter. This includes:

- Working to prevent workers from slipping on icy surfaces.
- Keeping worker exposure to freezing temperatures to a minimum.
- Ensuring safety during snow and ice removal operations.
- Operating vehicles and equipment safely in winter conditions.
- Ensuring the structural integrity of construction materials.
- Continuous monitoring of air quality and the hosing down of buildings throughout demolition.