

Replacement Hospital Information Sheet

Did you know...

- HSHS St. Elizabeth's is a regional referral center with 74 percent of all patients served in 2014 (year-to-date) coming from cities other than Belleville.
- The new location in O'Fallon will be more accessible via Interstate 64 to communities where there are a greater number of people living at or below the poverty line. The drive times for the 10 Metro East zip codes with the largest populations of people living below the poverty line decreases for six of those 10 zip codes when St. Elizabeth's moves to O'Fallon. Meanwhile, four of Belleville's 10 underserved zip codes will have reduced drive times to the new site.
- The patient "payer mix" at the O'Fallon location will remain the same because St. Elizabeth's serves the region and its patients who come from all over the region are not anticipated to change.
- Currently St. Elizabeth's sees more Medicaid and Medicare patients from zip codes other than Belleville zip codes. Currently there is only a 1.3 percent difference in uninsured patients from Belleville zip codes when compared to the other zip codes in the region that St. Elizabeth's serves.
- St. Elizabeth's has a higher percentage of charity care per net revenue than Belleville Memorial.
- There are two full-service hospitals in Belleville, which leads to a duplication of services and 554 total beds. The population of Belleville is approximately 42,000 and it has two hospitals. The populations of Shiloh and O'Fallon combined is also approximately 42,000 and it has no full-service hospital. If St. Elizabeth's proposed replacement hospital is approved, they will bring 144 inpatient beds to Shiloh/O'Fallon, while Belleville Memorial will bring 94 inpatient beds to their satellite facility, for a total of 238 beds. There will remain 210 inpatient beds in Belleville, resulting in a more fair distribution of health care services and beds for the region.
- It would cost more to rehab the hospital on the current campus than to build a new hospital.
- Many St. Elizabeth's employees and health care services will remain at the current downtown Belleville location, including lab, radiology, therapy, primary care, same-day ambulatory care center and a specialty clinic.
- Slightly more than 70 percent of St. Elizabeth's employees live in cities/villages other than Belleville. And, the average drive time to work for St. Elizabeth's employees will increase by only two minutes when the replacement hospital opens.

- The new hospital's Emergency Department will have a more efficient space for patients and their families who have to wait, as well as more private settings for patients in treatment bays, and it will better accommodate behavioral health and isolation patients.
- The Labor and Delivery area at the new hospital will better accommodate mothers and their babies.
- The new hospital will have better technology, and will allow for cell phone usage throughout the hospital, better electronic medical record management, better way-finding for visitors, and enhanced patient services.
- The new hospital will be accessible within two to three minutes off of I-64 via two exits in either direction.
- The new hospital will create nursing pods that will allow for better patient observation on the inpatient floors.
- The new hospital will have larger ORs to accommodate state-of-the-art equipment and surgical processes.
- The new campus will have better and less expensive parking for patients and their families and visitors.
- The new campus will allow for walking paths and outdoor healing gardens.
- The new St. Elizabeth's site is closer to its HSHS sister hospitals in Breese and Highland, and to Scott Air Force Base than the current site.
- This project will create 300 to 400 new construction jobs.