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AdventHealth to build new hospital in Palm Coast

The project will provide 100 more beds and \$100 million investment in Flagler County.

Palm Coast, Fla., Jan. 19, 2021 — AdventHealth announced today it will build a 100-bed hospital in Palm Coast, marking the single-largest health care investment in Flagler County.

Construction will begin in September on AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway, a \$100 million project, on Palm Coast Parkway near Bridgehaven Drive. The four-story hospital is scheduled to open in late 2022 and will join AdventHealth Palm Coast to provide additional convenience and comprehensive care, including world-class orthopedics services, to Flagler residents.

Flagler County is poised to grow more than 7% over the next five years, and it's important that acute-care services keep pace with this growth to meet the community's health care needs.

"We look forward to bringing our world-class services closer to home for more people in this growing region," said David Ottati, president/CEO of AdventHealth Central Florida Division - North. "COVID-19 has shown us the importance of strong health care infrastructure and, while these plans were in motion before the onset of the pandemic, our recent experience underscores the need for fast access to quality health care."

AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway will include: an emergency department with full-service imaging; five operating suites; endoscopy services; an outpatient laboratory; heart catheterization labs; 20 critical care patient rooms and 80 for general medical or surgical care. Plans also call for a 30,000-square-foot medical office building also to be constructed on the 10-acre site in the future.

"The ability to get to an emergency department in minutes can mean the difference between life or death for our patients," said Dr. Paul Mucciolo, chief of staff at AdventHealth Palm Coast. "I'm thrilled that even more families will be just a few minutes' drive from our world-class care."

This project marks AdventHealth's latest investment in Flagler. In 2019, the organization provided nearly \$15 million in community benefit in the county. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AdventHealth continues to serve Flagler residents and support other local nonprofits that are dedicated to improving the health of the community. These efforts include the recent donation of \$50,000 to Flagler Cares, a county-wide initiative that brings new health, wellness

and social welfare infrastructure to Flagler residents to help reduce health and social disparities.

“We are delighted to strengthen our presence in this community with a second world-class hospital and look forward to deepening the relationships we’ve built with our partners here,” said Ron Jimenez, CEO of AdventHealth Palm Coast.

AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway is expected to provide 400 new jobs, and that figure is expected to grow to as many as 700 with an average salary of \$67,000.

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