



City of Lakewood Healthcare Bulletin, Issue No. 2

Late last year the City of Lakewood forged a new master agreement with the Cleveland Clinic to ensure the availability of high-quality healthcare, including 24/7/365 emergency services. Much has already transpired since then. These bulletins aim to keep residents informed about what's already occurred and what can be expected regarding healthcare and related developments.

How can I use the Lakewood ER?

First and foremost, if you think you're truly having a medical emergency, nothing has changed: **call 9-1-1** immediately.

Emergency medical care in Lakewood has not changed. The existing 24/7/365 emergency department at Belle and Detroit is open and fully staffed by board-certified emergency physicians ready to serve you. To ensure continuity of care, that facility will remain open until the new, even larger emergency department is completed across the street in 2018.

The full-service, freestanding Cleveland Clinic Lakewood emergency department continues to provide 24/7 critical emergency care for all ages, 365 days a year, for issues including:

- Behavioral health and chemical dependency evaluations and referrals
- Chest pain and abdominal pain
- Diabetes complications
- Fractures, strains and sprains
- Minor trauma, such as laceration repair
- Pediatric conditions, such as fever, stomach flu, bronchiolitis, dehydration, and asthma
- Severe headache
- Stroke symptoms

What other medical services does the ER offer?

- Board-certified emergency medicine physicians and assistants
- Registered nurses, certified in adults and pediatric advanced cardiac life support
- Complete radiology services
- Blood products
- Full lab services
- Expedited transfers to trauma centers

The fact is that most emergencies involve treatment and discharge to home within 24 hours. If inpatient care is needed beyond 24 hours, patients arriving to the Lakewood emergency department will be transported to the closest, most appropriate inpatient hospital.

Again, it is important to remember that if you believe you're having a heart attack or stroke, you should **call 9-1-1**. You should not attempt to drive yourself to any healthcare facilities. Decisions to transport are made to ensure patients are receiving the most appropriate care in the most appropriate place. Lakewood Fire Department medics provide high-quality patient care throughout the transport.

Development opportunities

The location of the new medical center opening in 2018 across from the current emergency department creates value for the downtown district and increases economic development. This provides an increased — and an extremely rare — opportunity to develop 5.7 acres of city-owned property in the heart of downtown Lakewood.

The city will begin the process of exploring those development possibilities this summer with the release of an official request for qualifications from interested parties.

In addition, the city is looking to revive the historic Curtis Block building at Detroit and Marlowe. The city is seeking qualifications from development firms to rehabilitate and adaptively reuse the building.

These once-in-a-lifetime development opportunities will further strengthen this vibrant commercial corridor for years to come. Please stay tuned for further updates. ■



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