

New Emergency Center for Flower Mound

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Although few people relish the thought of needing an emergency room, when you do need one, every moment counts. This winter, local Flower Mound residents will not have to travel as far to reach an emergency room because the very first hospital affiliated ER that will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year is coming to Flower Mound, right after Thanksgiving. The Medical Center of Lewisville is opening this emergency room at the corner of FM 2499 and Windsor Drive, and the facility will accept ambulances and walk-in patients, offering comprehensive care for all ages. "It's been a long time coming, and we can't wait," said Doug Welch, President and CEO of Medical Center of Lewisville. The opening date is set for November 30, and with the \$10 million new center will come 55 new jobs ranging from medical professionals to janitorial support.

Welch said the Medical Center of Lewisville's Flower Mound Emergency Center and Flower Mound Imaging, which will be licensed as a department of the hospital, will offer the exact same services as the regular ER in Lewisville, with board certified emergency physicians, experienced ER nurses, imaging services and a full service lab. Flower Mound Imaging will be an outpatient imaging center offering the latest technologies and services, including after-hours and weekend availability.

Construction is well underway. Ashley McClellan, Vice President and COO, said the Flower Mound location is just over 12,000 square feet. "There are 17 treatment rooms at the ER in Lewisville, and there will be 12 treatment rooms at this new facility," she stated.

While construction crews are working on the building itself, hospital personnel are working with local fire chiefs and emergency medical technicians to educate them on what the new site will offer. Welch said the week before the opening, tours will be offered for those local emergency crews. He noted that the project has been in the works since 2006, and not only brings new jobs to Flower Mound, but also adds to the tax base while at the same time making emergency medical care more accessible to those in the area.

Once the facility begins accepting patients, the wait time at the emergency room in Lewisville should decrease, according to Director of Marketing and Public Relations Courtney Kennedy. "We will be taking some pressure off Lewisville, so it will be faster for anyone. I'm really excited about it. I live here, and I'm excited that it's going to be available to all of us," Kennedy said.

If you are interested in a job at the new emergency room, take note that hiring is underway now. Visit www.lewisvillemedical.com and click on Careers, for more information. Medical Center of Lewisville currently employs around 860 people, has 356 physicians on its Medical Staff and has operated in Lewisville since 1976.