

Building a Better Bickle

A message to our staff, patients and families

Dental Clinic now open and final patient units nearing completion!

We are pleased to announce that the newly renovated Dental Clinic at E.W. Bickle is now open. Staff are currently busy booking patients for their on-site dental needs.

Late this fall will see South 4 move to a permanent home on North 5. North 3 will also be moving. While North 3 was previously renovated it will have some minor renovations including new windows, painting and maintenance and be ready for future use.

Successfully renovating six in-patient units has been no easy task. Every nine months or so since 2016 teams have implemented highly choreographed plans to move patients and staff from one unit to the next. We have counted on all areas across the entire organization, but especially on the support of E.W. Bickle clinical staff, patients and families, as well as the expertise of Housekeeping, Pharmacy, Dietary, JDMI, Stores, Facilities, IPAC, UHN Digital and Telecom to name but a few!

“Each move requires hundreds of details to come together perfectly. We remain grateful for everyone’s support and are looking forward to being able to settle in and finally just enjoy our new surroundings!” said Meg Quesnelle, Clinical Construction Lead - Bickle, TRI.

While the in-patient units will soon be completed, there will still be some work underway to finish the common areas, staff areas and elevators. We anticipate the auditorium, staff lockers, Radiology department, North 2 and the building exterior work being completed in time for winter. Work on the elevators will continue into 2021.

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The newly renovated Dental Clinic is now welcoming patients.



North 5 patient lounge will be ready late summer/early fall



North 5 patient room.

Summer 2019

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Space Planning

With so much of E.W. Bickle Centre now fully renovated, it's hard not to imagine the possibilities for using the fresh, new spaces. When we first started our redevelopment journey three years ago, we had a master plan in-hand to guide our project. Much can change – and does change – over the course of three years and we want to ensure that our space is being used to enable the best patient care while also meeting the needs of staff and visitors.

With so many ideas bubbling up about how to use our space, over the past few months managers have been listening to staff from all departments about space needs. Based on their input we will work with managers to formulate a final master space plan. While our environment is new, the size of the building hasn't changed so we must carefully weigh current and future needs and allocate space accordingly. We expect the plan to be completed in the next few weeks when it will then be shared with staff.



Safety First

At UHN, patient safety is always our top priority. With so much activity during renovations, your daily habits may be interrupted. To keep all our staff, patients, visitors and contractors safe, we ask everyone to work together and be extra vigilant by:

- Reporting any safety concerns immediately to a supervisor
- Respecting safety signage and encouraging others to do the same
- Not entering construction zones without the proper safety equipment and permissions.



Detours

Main Entrance → South Clinic Entrance
 North Parking Entrance → South Clinic Entrance



Under Construction

The following areas are under construction:

Interior

- Main Entrance
- North 2 Lobby
- North 2 Auditorium
- North 4
- North 5
- North Service Elevator

Exterior

- Cladding is 80% complete and masonry work is 60% complete.
- Entrance canopy
- Balconies

Get in Touch

Ensuring a clean and safe environment for our staff, patients and visitors is always a priority. We appreciate that construction can bring some inconveniences and we are making every effort to minimize potential impact. If you have any questions or concerns about construction, please contact us directly at our dedicated project email:

tri-bicklerenovationquestions@uhn.ca