CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The exterior of the new medical office building continues to take shape! Bay Masonry has completed all the brick on the building and demobilized. Windows continue to go in on the second floor getting the building closer to a “dried-in” state. Sitework has also continued on the exterior. Heated sidewalks around the building have been poured and the new parking lots and drives to the North are prepped for paving. While very disruptive to traffic flow, each phase of the sitework continues to improve on-campus traffic flow and add additional parking for patients and staff.

Inside the building, the drywall continues over the 45,453-SF space. This has provided a “finished” look to the interior rooms and final layouts. This has also hid from view the masses of mechanical and electrical infrastructures placed in the previous months. Painting of the first of two coats has also started on the second floor. It is a very exciting time inside the building as we begin to place final finishes and push towards turnover.

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FUN FACT

Northern Michigan is full of beautiful attractions, beaches, and other outdoor destinations. One such place is Beaver Island. This can be visited by taking a ferry from Charlevoix or small aircraft from nearby airports. However, this very peaceful and beautiful island wasn’t always so peaceful. This was once the Mormon Kingdom of Beaver Island. Ruled by self-proclaimed King James J. From 1848 – 1856 he ruled, becoming increasingly violent, until finally he was assassinated by two men he had ordered to be killed.
LOOKING AHEAD

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With most of the drywall complete on the second floor, priming and base coat painting has begun and will move quickly through the many small rooms. Following this, more finishes such as ceiling grid and lighting can be installed. On the exterior of the building, masonry is nearly complete, and the glass curtain wall systems are being installed around the north and east walls. Site work is also continuing around the campus with construction of the new parking which spans from the existing MOB to the main hospital entrance. After the current phase of parking lot construction is complete north of the new building, the next phase will be taking place in front of the walk-in clinic.

SAFETY MATTERS

LADDER SAFETY

Ladders are used by most, if not all, trades throughout various stages of construction projects onsite...and at home. Ladder safety is extremely important not only at the jobsite, but at home as well. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind when pulling the ladder out:

• First, inspect the ladder to assure there is no damage.
• Next, only use a ladder on a stable and level surface.
• Finally, do not step on the top step or rung of the ladder unless it was designed for that purpose.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Who’s Who On Site

National Coatings has recently mobilized to the site in order to get a head start on both the interior and exterior painting, and they have exceeded our expectations thus far. Their preliminary crew has done an excellent job with the stair tower, mechanical penthouse, and are now priming and painting rooms on the second floor following right behind the drywall finishers. With painting looking to gear up in the next few weeks, we look forward to seeing their full potential.