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Construction leads to changes to parking at Chinook Regional Hospital

LETHBRIDGE – Construction of a new parkade at the Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH) begins next week and will result in a number of changes to current parking infrastructure, including closure of most of the existing surface lot.

The public is advised, however, that a portion of the surface parking lot will remain open for patient and visitor parking during construction, which begins Tuesday, August 3rd. This available lot will be accessed via the 17th Street entrance.

There has also been additional public parking created on the perimeter of the hospital. Two-hour parking spots will be located along 19th Street between the Emergency and South Atrium entrances and on 17th Street by the Community Lab entrance.

Alberta Health Services is also implementing staff parking strategies to help reduce congestion on-site. These initiatives include a new car pool program, supporting bike riding and providing off-site parking with shuttle service to CRH.

Both public and staff consultations have been conducted in recent weeks to address the impact of construction and changes to parking at CRH.

The new multi-level parking structure is a \$30-million capital project which will provide 810 parking stalls and a new air ambulance helipad to the site. The parkade is expected to open in the fall of 2011.

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