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**Pinckneyville Community Hospital Announces plans for expansion**

3/2/2021 – **PINCKNEYVILLE, IL (February 2, 2021) –**Pinckneyville Community Hospital announces plans for an $11 million renovation and expansion project to meet the projected increase in healthcare needs of the community and surrounding area. The project includes a new family medical center, patient wing addition and renovations to the hospital’s existing rehabilitative therapy and emergency departments.

New construction will include a 19,222 square feet Family Medical Center (FMC), which will include 33 exam rooms, 3 small procedure rooms, enlarged nurse stations, offices and a new lobby. The center will also provide multipurpose space for community education and behavioral health programs. Additionally, a new patient wing will add four additional acute care patient rooms, increasing the hospital’s total bed count to 20.

Renovations will include the expansion of the hospital’s existing rehabilitative (rehab) care department and emergency department. The existing rehab therapy, on the acute care floor, will receive an additional 334 square feet of space for specialty rehabilitation services while the emergency department renovation will increase the number of emergency exam rooms from three to six, while maintaining the current trauma and triage rooms.

Pinckneyville Community Hospital is working with Lawrence Group, Murray Company, Horner & Shiffrin and KPFF Consulting Engineers on this renovation and expansion project. Construction on the eleven month project is scheduled to begin May 2021. All hospital departments will remain open during construction, but like many major projects, there will be entrance and parking restrictions. The details of these restrictions will be released soon.

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*Pinckneyville Community Hospital is a critical access hospital that is leading the way to a healthier tomorrow.  The hospital provides local access to quality and convenient healthcare by providing a 24-hour emergency department; 17- bed medical floor offering inpatient, observation and swing bed program; Family Medical Center; oncology; surgery; therapies; radiology; laboratory services and specialty clinics close to home.*