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**PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO “TOP OUT” ON CONSTRUCTION**

9/14/2021 – PINCKNEYVILLE, IL- Pinckneyville Community Hospital is hosting a “Topping Out” ceremony on Thursday, September 23. The ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the construction site of the new Family Medical Center. The “Topping Out” ceremony highlights the last steel beam, of a construction project, being lifted and put into place.  This is a major milestone in any large construction project.  The beam will be at the hospital, a week prior to the ceremony, for all to sign.  Stop by and become part of the PCH history.

This project includes 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 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.

PCH is working with the Lawrence Group architectural firm, Horner & Shiffrin engineering firm and the construction management firm, Murray Company, on this expansion and renovation project.  All hospital departments will remain open during construction; but like many major projects, there will be changes to parking areas and the entrances off Highway 154 as well as to the hospital’s Main and Emergency Departments.

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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.*