

From JHHospital

Metal Detectors to Be Installed in JHH Emergency Department in March, Feb. 16, 2021



To Johns Hopkins Hospital employees and credentialed medical staff, residents and postdocs

Dear Colleagues,

Early last year, we began construction in our main emergency department to re-shape this important entry point for care — to both improve patient flow and to provide crucial safety enhancements. That work, which was put on hold due to our COVID-19 response, resumed on Feb. 15.

As we re-start this work, we want to make you aware of a key component of the renovation project: the installation of magnetometers in our adult and pediatric emergency departments. These metal detectors should be active in the pediatric emergency department and the psychiatric emergency services area in early or mid-March, and in the main emergency department about April 15.

The April date for the main entrance to the adult emergency department is due to the need to build a temporary waiting area in the Zayed lobby on the hospital's ground level to accommodate the larger renovation project. We expect the temporary waiting area and the addition of magnetometers will enhance the patient experience and help us more efficiently and securely manage patient volume.

Overall, construction in the emergency department will continue for the next 18 months. We hope to keep any disruption to a minimum.

We will share more details on the magnetometer initiative in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for the suggestions many of you have offered to enhance our safety and security on The Johns Hopkins Hospital's campus.

Sincerely,

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