

# Southcoast Health Cuts Ribbon on Tobey Hospital Expansion

The Baldwin Makepeace Emergency Center at Tobey Hospital will open at 12:00am on Wednesday, May 25, Southcoast Health officials announced at a ribbon-cutting ceremony this week.

Until 12:00am on May 25, patients seeking emergent care should continue to enter at 43 High Street. After 12:00am on May 25, patients seeking emergent care should enter at 124 Main Street, where the new Emergency Center is located. As always, please call 911 if you or someone else is experiencing a medical emergency.

The 30,000-square-foot Baldwin Makepeace Emergency Center will feature twice the number of treatment rooms as the current Tobey Emergency Department, which will cease clinical operations late Tuesday night. This increased capacity will include dedicated behavioral health rooms, trauma bays and private overflow spaces.

“Innovation can be found in every single detail of this state-of-the-art, class-of-the-Commonwealth Emergency Center, designed first and foremost for patients but also with visitors; nurses, providers, and staff; and first responders very much in mind,” said Southcoast Health President and CEO Dr. Ray Kruger. “This is the culmination of a long, important journey, and another journey is just beginning as we enter a new era of exceptional care close to home for the residents of – and visitors to – Greater Wareham.”

The Baldwin Makepeace Emergency Center at Tobey Hospital was made possible by an ongoing Capital Campaign, co-chaired by Alice Rice and Mark Perkins, along with major donations from the Baldwin and Makepeace families and significant contributions from hundreds of other benefactors.

“The Board of Trustees, staff, and the entire Southcoast family is grateful for all who have contributed their time, energy, and personal resources to bring us this spectacular medical facility, and we thank the Town of Wareham and Wareham Historical Society for their cooperation and partnership,” Southcoast Health System Chairman Lou Cabral said. “Your collective efforts have been immense, and they will endure for decades to come.”

Vice President of Support Services Phil Oliveira agreed.

“I want to thank Suffolk Construction, Sagamore, Madison Matthew Interiors, Lighthouse Masonry Inc., Horacio’s Welding and Sheet Metal, Glynn Electric, Regal Floor Covering, and the many other trades and vendors involved with this project,” he said. “Thank you to Project Executive Nicole Rosa and all of our Southcoast colleagues, past and present, who helped navigate a global pandemic and supply chain crisis to bring us from conception to completion.”

For more information about the Baldwin Makepeace Emergency Center at Tobey Hospital, please visit <https://www.southcoast.org/locations/emergency-services-tobey/>.