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Dear School of Medicine community,

Construction on the six-floor expansion on top of the Steven & Susan Lipstein BJC Institute of Health building begins Feb. 2. The addition will provide much needed laboratory space that will enable us to advance the School of Medicine's research and clinical missions. However, it also will be noisy, involve temporary closing of some spaces, and include pedestrian detours and other inconveniences not seen since the construction of the original building. We ask for your patience during these growing pains. The result will be worth it.

Employees working near the center of the Medical Campus will experience intermittent construction noise from equipment and tradespeople working from approximately 7 am to 3:30 pm during the week. Employees also may encounter temporary shutdowns in areas surrounding the building. Noise and shutdowns will be more common during the site preparation phase, which is expected to last at least three months. Occupants of the BJC Institute of Health building will receive more information about disruptions through department-level Town Hall meetings.

The Ellen S. Clark Hope Plaza will be closed during construction. Until the plaza reopens in winter 2024, pedestrians will be routed to the plaza's perimeter and will use a covered walkway to reach the front door of the BJC Institute of Health building. A portion of Wohl Circle Drive, which is in front of the Medical Campus' Wohl Hospital Building, will be closed during construction and the balance of the circle will be restricted only to patient parking until spring 2024. Additionally, vehicular access to the plaza from Euclid and Parkview avenues will be closed during the building expansion project.

The project schedule is as follows:

Site preparation	January - March 2022	3 Months
Core and shell	April 2022 - September 2023	17 Months
Interior fit-out	January 2023 - September 2024	21 Months
Hope Plaza restoration	March - December 2024	9 Months

Although the construction will cause inconveniences, the campus will remain fully operational during the project. Therefore, service at the Central West End MetroLink station will not be affected.

See this [website](#) for updated information during the project. The campus' cooperation while expanding research capabilities on our campus is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.

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