

March 7, 2018

Dear EMS and Law Enforcement Community,

Construction of the new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department at the Erie County Medical Center has begun. We anticipate completion in Fourth Quarter 2019.

An alternate down ramp has been erected and will be operational on March 12, 2018 through project completion.

The alternate ramp system necessitates the following changes:

- No parking will be available on the alternate down ramp.
- Parking on the up ramp will be restricted to law enforcement, corrections, and other emergency vehicles.
- Parking at the top of the ramp will be restricted to ambulance patient unloading.
- EMS is asked to immediately move the ambulance off the ED ramp once the patient has been unloaded and care transferred to the ED staff. Instances when there will be a delay in the transfer of care, one crew member should stay with the patient while another moves the ambulance off the ramp.
- Dedicated ambulance parking is available next to the behavioral health complex if EMS is unable to leave the ECMC campus (complete PCR, decontaminate ambulance, etc.).
- Valet service will remain available 24/7 for ED patients and ED visitors.

ECMC and our ED staff remain committed to working with our valued EMS and law enforcement partners through this time of transition.

Sincerely,



James Turner
Senior Vice President

