



Please accept this notice that effective immediately 3:30 pm on 3/21/2020 St. Joseph Campus on Harlem Road in Cheektowaga NY is on Full EMS Diversion.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Dufresne'.

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March 21, 2020

Lynne M. Dey, RN  
Program Director  
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***Re: Closure of Sisters of Charity Hospital, St. Joseph Campus ED***

Dear Ms. Dey:

With the decision to establish St. Joseph Campus as a Covid-19 treatment center, please accept this letter as notice that Catholic Health will be temporarily closing the St. Joseph Campus Emergency Department through a phased approach.

**1. Emergency Department**

- Upon closing the ED, an ambulance will be stationed on the campus twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for at least the first two weeks of closure based on the guidance we have already received from the NYS Department of Health. The ambulance will be available to transfer any individuals that inadvertently present on the St. Joseph Campus seeking emergency treatment.
- Notification will be made in advance of the closing to the general public through all available outlets and any signage on the St. Joseph's Campus regarding emergency care will be temporarily changed to reflect the current status.
- Medical Emergency Radio System (MERS) will be notified ahead of the closing.
- We will notify you once a date of closure has been firmly determined.

**2. Patients**

- Upon the ED's closure, St. Joseph Campus will no longer accept any direct admits through the ED.
- Once the ED has closed, Catholic Health will phase to an appropriate, compliant and safe discharge and/or transfer of any current St. Joseph campus patient in order to decrease the possibility of any prospective exposure to Covid-19.

As plans unfold, we will continue to make you aware of any prospective changes to our continuum of care and any subsequent utilization of 1135 waivers. Thank you for partnering with Catholic Health to effectively combat this pandemic as best we can.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Sullivan  
President & CEO, Catholic Health.