



Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Integrated Campus Project Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What is the Integrated Campus Project?

The proposed Integrated Campus Project is a project to expand the Oneida Community Health Center (OCHC) and to house all of Oneida Comprehensive Health Division's (OCHD) services under one roof. This includes relocating Behavioral Health, Employee Health and Health Promotion Disease Prevention Services into the same building with the rest of our services. Here are details about the proposal (as of January 2024):

- Adding 148,500 square feet to the existing Airport Drive OCHC facility, which currently sits on 24 acres.
- Of the 148,500 square feet, 51,000 will be reserved for future growth.
- After the addition is complete, the existing 44,000 square feet will be renovated.

Why are you proposing this project now?

Many years ago, a handful of Oneida women had a dream to provide healthcare services for our community. Since that time, services have continued to expand to keep pace with the growth in our community. We're proposing this project now, because the demand for services has continued to increase and we wish to improve access to care for members of the Oneida community.

What else are you doing to improve access to care?

Our departments have been working to improve access to care by:

- Leveraging new technologies to the fullest.
- Implementing a team-based care approach throughout the Division.
- Continuing recruitment efforts to hire more providers, especially Oneida community members who have pursued higher education degrees in health care and related fields.
- Establishing satellite services, such as dental hygienist chairs in local schools.
- Evaluating our ability to extend our hours of operation.

How much will the project cost and how are you planning to pay for it?

The estimated cost for the project is \$122 million. The project team is evaluating funding sources. We anticipate this project will not require tribal contribution of funds. We are working in collaboration with the Oneida Business Committee Treasurer for third-party review of projected financials to mitigate any risks associated with this project.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Will appointments be available on a more timely basis following the project?

Yes, they will. The purpose of the expansion is to improve access to care.

What is the estimated completion date?

Because the project is still pending approval by the General Tribal Council, we don't yet have an estimated start or completion date. However, the project is expected to take between five and six years to complete once work begins.

Will services continue during construction?

Yes. The existing space will continue to be used while the new space is added. Renovations to the existing space will only take place once services have been moved to the new space.

Will there be a drive-through pharmacy or curbside pickup?

This question has been raised many times. In response to your questions, the Pharmacy leadership is looking into implementing a curbside pickup option.

Are Optical and Dental being expanded?

Yes, if the project is approved, plans are to expand both, and we are looking into which options will work the best for each.

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Will there be new services added?

A 51,000 square foot white box, or partially built but unfinished space, is included as part of the plan for future growth. The decisions about which services to add will likely be guided by community needs and input at some point in the future.

Will a dialysis program be added?

Not at this time. The question came up a number of years ago and the General Tribal Council declined to move forward with the service based on the analysis presented. Providers are currently focused on reducing the number of patients who would need the service in the future through promoting healthy lifestyle choices when possible.

For diabetics, will you be bringing back dental cleanings every three months?

This is our ultimate goal. We're looking into several options to help us increase the number of available appointments.

In the new facility, will Behavioral Health have a separate entrance for privacy purposes and patient confidentiality?

We believe very strongly in patient confidentiality and respect for those who are pursuing a path to recovery. We are evaluating ways in which we can offer clients a discreet option to enter the building.

Are there any plans for the existing Behavioral Health properties in the future?

At this point, we are not aware of any reuse plans for the properties at West Point Road. The Oneida Nation will best determine future uses for that location.

Are there elder-related programs that can help us know what to expect as we age?

There are a variety of programs available for elders through our sister division, Oneida Aging & Disability Services, including transportation to events. Scan this QR code to visit their webpage or reach them by phone at



920.869.2448. Please share the word about these services with your friends and family.

Will there be valet parking or help for elders so that they don't have to walk that far?

We will be assessing this with the Nation and looking at possible options.

Are you expanding for our current or future population?

We are expanding in order provide better access to care for the current Oneida Nation members and their descendants. We are also planning for future needs.

Have you considered phased construction?

At this point in time, due to the in-depth approval process, it will be more timely to proceed with the project in a single phase. A possible second phase in the future could be the addition of a residential treatment facility for those in recovery.

With multiple projects proposed by the Oneida Nation, which do we do first?

Because our goal is to proceed with zero tribal contributions for this project, we don't believe this project is in competition with the others.

Where can we learn more about the project?

We've established a webpage with information. You can access it by scanning the QR code in the bottom right-hand corner of this page. We'll also be sharing information on Comprehensive Health's Facebook page named Oneida Comprehensive Health Division.

