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**LCHS Provides Construction Project Update**

LOWVILLE, NY - Lewis County Health System has begun the next phase of its medical-surgical and critical care unit modernization project. The modernization includes demolishing and renovating the old operating rooms to make way for new medical-surgical and critical care unit rooms, a nurses' station, and a family waiting area.

"Our dedicated team remains flexible and committed to providing quality care for patients as we work through the demolition of the existing space," stated Marcy Teal, Chief Nursing Officer at Lewis County Health System.

The community will see changes to the existing building. Windows will be installed for the new critical care rooms on the Route 26 side of the facility. All patient rooms will be more spacious and family-centered, with new equipment and furnishings when complete. Patient rooms will be single, with private bathrooms, and have the infrastructure updated to support the latest evidence-based practice.

"We recognize the inconvenience for our patients, families, staff, and community," Gerald R. Cayer, Chief Executive Officer at Lewis County Health System. "The ongoing patience and understanding of our patients, visitors, and staff as we work through the final stages and challenges of the construction to create a new modern healing environment is very much appreciated."

The first phase included constructing a new Surgical Pavilion, which opened in December 2023. The project's final phase will be finished in early Spring 2024. "The Board of Managers and our team are looking forward to sharing the new space with the community soon," stated Mr. Cayer.

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The photos below demonstrate the current work to modernize and renovate the former surgical services space into a new nurses' station and new medical-surgical and critical care unit rooms.

