

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Nampa Vision 2020?

Nampa's Vision 2020 is a critically important component of the Saint Alphonbus Health System's commitment to the health and well being of Canyon County residents and their families, and further enhances our Mission to provide care close to home. Saint Alphonbus Health System is investing \$33.5 million in the Nampa community to expand access and enhance medical services. The investment is part of Saint Alphonbus Health System's Mission of providing the highest quality care in the communities we serve.

2. What does Nampa Vision 2020 include?

Canyon County residents will see a host of new services in the 54,000 square foot expansion at the Saint Alphonbus – Nampa Health Plaza (formerly Mercy North) on the south side of I-84 between Boise and Nampa. This includes the addition of a 24/7 Emergency Department, a 20-bed obstetrics unit – to be called the Birkeland Maternity Center in honor of the late Dr. Fred Birkeland – and a new Comprehensive Heart Care Center with 10 critical care inpatient beds.

Enhanced medical services and renovations are also planned at the main hospital on 12th Avenue, and include remodeling the laboratory, tube system and making significant enhancements to inpatient rooms and public areas. For more details, please see the Fact Sheet.

3. Why were Heart Care, Obstetrics, and Emergency Care services chosen for the Nampa Health Plaza expansion?

The location of the Nampa Health plaza was a key factor, ideally located at the Garrity Exit on I-84 where a large and growing population base surrounds it for easy access. For cardiac, obstetrics, and emergency care time is critical. By improving accessibility to high-quality specialty care, we meet the needs of the Nampa community on the north side and Canyon County as a whole. We can continue to keep patients close to their homes instead of having to travel to Boise to receive specialty care.

4. When will the project begin?

We are planning the groundbreaking for this spring. The new Emergency Department is projected to open in the fall of 2012. The Heart Care Center and Fredric Birkeland Maternity Center are projected to open December 2013.

5. Will the facility still be called the Nampa Health Plaza?

When the new inpatient units open in 2013, we will change the name of the Nampa Health Plaza to Saint Alphonbus Medical Center – Nampa North, or Saint Alphonbus – Nampa North when shortened.

6. What services will remain at the Main Campus?

All services with the exception of maternity will remain at the Main Campus. Moving all maternity services to the Birkeland Maternity Center will result in better access to care for our patients in Canyon County.

7. How does Nampa Vision 2020 meet the needs of the community?

The expansion at the Nampa Health Plaza will continue our 100 year tradition of providing quality care for Canyon County residents. In order to maintain excellence in care and serve our growing population, we must expand services, recruit physicians, and provide facilities that house state-of-the-art technologies in an environment that promotes and enhances healing. Nampa Vision 2020 provides more access to care and more access to highly specialized services. Additionally, the project will continue our Catholic heritage and legacy for Canyon County residents.

8. Who was involved with creating Nampa Vision 2020 and the Master Facility Plan?

Over the past year, Health System leadership involved Board members, physicians, directors, nurses, Associates, EMS providers, and community leaders in the planning and design process of Nampa Vision 2020 to meet the needs of our medical partners and community as a whole. Leadership selected HDR Architects to complete a Master Facility Plan for Nampa. HDR specializes in designing medical facilities, and is the same company that designed the 9-story Center for Advanced Healing and Family Maternity Center/Level III NICU at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center that opened in 2007.

9. How many new jobs will the project create?

We anticipate that 500 construction jobs and 85 additional full-time staff positions will be created by our investment in these state-of-the-art expansions. We are committed to helping our communities grow and thrive and are excited by the opportunities this will bring for many people. The construction management firm selected is Big-D, out of Utah, and has a lot of experience building medical centers including Veterans Nursing Home, Specialty Centers, and new hospitals. Big-D will work closely with Idaho sub-contractors to ensure the project involves local construction workers.

10. What will happen after Saint Alphonsus – Nampa North opens in 2013?

Further facility planning and development will be on-going through 2020 to provide state-of-the-art services and technologies at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center - Nampa North and the main hospital campus. Nampa Vision 2020 will continue to improve access to care, enhance quality and safety, promote collaboration with physicians to coordinate care, and meet the healthcare needs of the communities we serve.

