



HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital now to close on March 22, 2024

Eau Claire facility will permanently close alongside HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls

Prevea locations in Western Wisconsin will close on or before April 21, 2024

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. – March 11, 2024 – Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), a faith-based health system with operations in Illinois and Wisconsin, announced today that, in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the system will complete its wind-down of operations and permanently close HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire on March 22, 2024.

This is the same date HSHS announced it would permanently close HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls. Both closures are a result of the system's exit from the Western Wisconsin region.

"While the March closure of Sacred Heart is sooner than originally announced, our decision is based on our top priority: our commitment to maintain safe, quality care for our patients," said John Wagner, President and CEO for the two Western Wisconsin hospitals.

HSHS is coordinating with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to ensure patient care transitions are well-planned and conducted safely. Staff, local fire and EMS and other acute-care facilities have been notified of the new timeline.

Existing patients at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's will receive care through March 22, 2024.

Prevea Health continues to wind-down its Western Wisconsin operations with its last day of patient care to be on or before April 21, 2024, as previously announced; Prevea Western Wisconsin residency clinics and the UW-Stout location are anticipated to provide services through June 30, 2024.

All HSHS impacted colleagues previously received legally required notices related to the ultimate closure of the facilities, and the change in timeline for the closure of Sacred Heart will not impact HSHS' commitment to provide severance and career transition assistance.

HSHS hospitals and Prevea Health centers in Eastern Wisconsin, as well as HSHS operations in Illinois, are unaffected and operating as usual.

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About HSHS

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high-quality Franciscan healthcare ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art healthcare to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our physician practices and 15 local hospitals in two states – Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville, and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](#) is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.