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## **IU Health and Indiana University Reveal Design of New Regional Academic Health Center**

### *IU Board of Trustees Approve Site Renderings*

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Finalized site plans and exterior design for a new Regional Academic Health Center were approved today by the Indiana University Board of Trustees. Approval of the site plan and exterior design is one of the first steps for planning and designing a healthcare facility of this size and complexity. The project team will continue to work through the very rigorous process of creating, adjusting and approving each phase of the project.

The 735,000-square-foot complex will house Indiana University Health Bloomington inpatient and outpatient services as well as a 115,000-square-foot academic facility that will be used for health sciences education and research at Indiana University.

The new state-of-the-art facility will bring together multiple medical specialties and outpatient services into one convenient setting, and will also provide a unique and innovation driven environment in which Indiana University and Indiana University Health can partner to teach future generations of healthcare professionals.

Indiana limestone, present throughout the University's Bloomington campus, will be blended with brick highlights - typical in Indiana University Health facilities throughout the state. An abundance of glass will allow for natural light to stream through a multi-story atrium and main entry.

The 620,000-square-foot, five-floor medical facility will improve the patient experience, including greater patient privacy through the use of patient transport areas, not visible to the general public. The outpatient portion will include a comprehensive cancer center, specialty physician offices, surgical suites, minor procedure area and a diagnostic center.

"The design was truly inspired by the caregivers, patients, faculty and students who will use the space," said Matt Bailey, president IU Health South Central Region. More than 500 physicians, team members, educators and patients participated in design planning sessions. "This is an incredible investment in our community and we wanted to get it right."

The building is designed to take advantage of the beautiful composition of the grounds. Healing gardens and walking trails will help to provide serenity and opportunities for wellness. The orientation of patient rooms takes full advantage of stunning views of the landscape and ridge of trees. The Center will be LEED Certified and will be environmentally friendly, incorporating water quality and conservation strategies, energy efficiency features, sustainable/recycled materials and indoor environment quality amenities.

“The building is complementary in design to some of the newer buildings on our campus, but it also provides us with a unique opportunity, working with IU Health, to create something new and distinctive,” said Tom Morrison, vice president for capital planning and facilities at IU.

Special intent was paid to how students and faculty will interact with providers, nurses and other medical professionals including the creation of shared spaces.

“The regional academic health center will considerably expand the opportunities for health sciences education and research for cutting-edge programs in inter-professional education as well as keep up with the increasing demand for practical experience for students in health-related disciplines, especially medicine, social work, nursing, hearing and speech sciences, public health, medical sciences, and dentistry,” added Morrison.

For additional details on the project, and to download renderings from today’s presentation, please visit: <http://iuhealth.org/BloomBuild/>

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Indiana University Health Bloomington has provided leading care to south central Indiana for more than 105 years. As a not-for-profit organization, IU Health Bloomington serves a patient base of more than 415,000 people in 11 south central Indiana counties. It holds Magnet designation as well as Primary Stroke Center certification, is an accredited Chest Pain Center and received approval with commendation from the Commission on Cancer. To learn more about IU Health Bloomington, visit [iuhealth.org/bloomington](http://iuhealth.org/bloomington) or call 812.353.5252.

As the only nationally recognized healthcare system in Indiana, Indiana University Health is dedicated to providing a unified standard of preeminent care. A unique partnership with Indiana University School of Medicine – one of the nation’s leading medical schools – and the depth of experience from the most complete network of highly skilled specialty and primary care physicians, gives IU Health unparalleled strength in delivering assurance to patients. Discover the strength at [iuhealth.org](http://iuhealth.org).