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## Buchanan County Health Center Announces Open House for New Inpatient Unit

INDEPENDENCE, IA – Buchanan County Health Center (BCHC) is pleased to announce the completion of its new Inpatient Unit and will host a special public Open House to showcase the addition. The event will take place on January 18, 2025, from 1 to 3 p.m., inviting community members to join in the celebration.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour the new 12-bed facility, designed to enhance patient care and comfort. The new building features all private patient rooms, including two specifically equipped to accommodate bariatric patients. The unit will continue to support hospice services and provide physical therapy and occupational therapy. Advanced technology, including electronic messaging, will improve communication and care for patients.

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided during the event.

Attendees are asked to use the 1st Street E entrance with entry through the South doors where staff will be available to escort guests to the Open House. Valet parking will also be available for added convenience.



“Our hospital has proudly served Independence and the surrounding communities for over 100 years,” said Wade Weis, CEO of Buchanan County Health Center. “The opening of the new inpatient unit marks a significant milestone in our mission to provide the best local care while leading the advancement of healthier communities. We are grateful to the Board of Trustees for their dedication to our communities and their unwavering support throughout this journey. With this new facility, we are excited to provide an up-to-date facility with advanced technology that will positively impact the overall health of the patients we serve.”

The new inpatient unit will officially open to patients by the end of January 2025, continuing BCHC’s commitment to deliver exceptional care to the residents of Buchanan County and surrounding communities.

For more information about the Open House or the new inpatient unit, please contact Buchanan County Health Center at 319-332-0999 or visit [BCHealth.org](http://BCHealth.org).



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