

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

York Hospital recently announced that it is seeking approval to expand its partnership with MaineHealth and become part of the MaineHealth family. **We will hold a community forum on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the York Community Auditorium at York High School at 1 Robert Stevens Drive, in York.** You can learn more on our website at yorkhospital.com. Below, please find answers to some frequently asked questions.

Is York Hospital closing?

This partnership does not signify a closure. It is the intention of both parties to grow and strengthen services and preserve access to care now and in the future for the York community.

Will York Hospital close any of its locations?

York Hospital and MaineHealth share an intent to maintain inpatient care for the foreseeable future and invest in primary and specialty care. MaineHealth is committed to strengthening York Hospital so that York County patients will continue to have outstanding care close to home.

What is the timeline for this change?

The exploration of a partnership between York Hospital and MaineHealth is a multi-step process that may continue for over a year. A Letter of Intent has been signed by both parties, who are currently in the due diligence phase. This process will require approvals from the state, which includes both an application for a Certificate of Need, and a separate review by the Maine Attorney General. Day-to-day operations will be unaffected by the pending transaction.

Will I still be able to keep seeing my doctors?

Will hours and services be cut?

York Hospital will continue to operate in a manner that optimizes both staff and the care they provide to the communities they serve. Both organizations are committed to expanding access to top-quality services with more coordinated care options while preserving continuity for patients, families, providers and vendors.

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Why is this happening now?

York Hospital has been a trusted community institution defined by its commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care. But like many hospitals in Maine and across the country, rising labor costs, escalating pharmaceutical and supply expenses and increasing payer denials have forced York Hospital to review its options regarding its future. Plus, unlike many of our peers, York Hospital does not qualify for critical federal safety-net programs, including Critical Access Hospital designation or 340B drug pricing. This exclusion creates a structural disadvantage, limiting access to resources that help many hospitals offset growing financial strain.

As efficient and agile as we are, we can no longer navigate the challenging health care landscape on our own. We are taking this step out of responsibility to our community. We have turned to MaineHealth multiple times over the past year to assist with clinical needs and support services. Now, we are looking to join the MaineHealth family to ensure that our community continues to have local access to top-quality health care close to home, for generations to come.

Will York Hospital continue to support community institutions as it has in the past?

As these discussions continue, both organizations are committed to retaining York Hospital's deep connection to the community. We remain committed to supporting the community and the many important service organizations that make it so special. This pending transaction will not impact charitable donations. All current and future gifts and donor contributions that are designated to York will be honored, and will support local programs, services and facilities.

Will jobs be cut?

Clinical jobs will remain essential. There will be consolidation of non-clinical staff.

Will hospital leadership change?

Long term, it is anticipated that York Hospital's leadership structure will be integrated into the broader MaineHealth leadership structure.

Will I have any opportunities to ask questions?

Yes. There will be a community forum for members of the public to ask questions and provide feedback, on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the York Community Auditorium at York High School at 1 Robert Stevens Drive, York, Maine 03909. For more details, please visit yorkhospital.com.