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HCA Florida Healthcare and City of Cape Coral announce plans to build HCA Florida Cape Coral Hospital

New full-service hospital will expand access to care and support Cape Coral's continued growth

CAPE CORAL, Fla., (DATE) – HCA Florida Healthcare and the City of Cape Coral today announced plans to build HCA Florida Cape Coral Hospital, a new full-service hospital that will expand access to high-quality healthcare services for residents of Cape Coral and surrounding communities.

The planned hospital will be located at 322 SW Pine Island Road, where HCA Florida Cape Coral Emergency currently operates. The project will expand the existing emergency care site into a hospital with inpatient and outpatient services to bring care closer to home.

The project represents an estimated \$300 million investment in Cape Coral. Construction is expected to begin in 2027, with the hospital anticipated to open in 2029. Once complete, the new facility will be the 19th hospital in HCA Healthcare West Florida Division.

“Building HCA Florida Cape Coral Hospital is an important step in HCA Florida Healthcare’s broader strategy to expand access to care in Lee County,” said Jyric Sims, Ph.D., president of HCA Healthcare West Florida Division. “With our acquisition of HCA Florida Lehigh Hospital, the opening of HCA Florida West Fort Myers Emergency and the construction of HCA Florida Alico Emergency, planned to open in late 2026, we are building a more connected network to meet the growing healthcare needs of the region. Our Cape Coral freestanding emergency room was an important step in expanding access to care in this community, and the addition of a new hospital represents the next step in building an even stronger network to meet the growing healthcare needs of Cape Coral and the surrounding area.”

The planned three-story hospital is slated to include approximately 200,000 square feet. Phase one is expected to include up to 100 acute care beds, an emergency department, operating rooms and a cardiac catheterization lab, with future capacity to expand as community needs grow. Planned services include emergency care, surgical services, cardiovascular services, inpatient care, outpatient services and imaging.

Cape Coral has experienced significant growth, increasing the need for additional healthcare access and patient choice. The new hospital is designed to help meet current and future demand while supporting the City’s long-term economic development priorities.

“One of my priorities as Mayor has been the importance of expanding healthcare in Cape Coral. More specifically, my goal has been to bring a second hospital to our community. My focus has been on developing a partnership, establishing economic development opportunities and jobs, while finding a solution to broaden our emergency and acute care for our residents. Partnering with HCA Florida will allow us to achieve those goals and serve our community well in the future. I would personally like to thank HCA Florida for their commitment to Cape Coral as their next healthcare investment in Southwest Florida,” said Mayor John Gunter.

HCA Florida Cape Coral Hospital will be connected to HCA Florida Healthcare’s broader network of care across the state, helping patients access services, specialists and clinical resources when and where they need them.

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About HCA Florida Healthcare

HCA Florida Healthcare, a part of HCA Healthcare, is one of Florida’s leading healthcare networks. Its 11,200 physicians and 80,000 colleagues work together to deliver evidence-based, collaborative care through nearly 12.8 million patient encounters annually. With more than 670 connected care sites-including hospitals, physician practices, urgent care centers and freestanding emergency rooms-across the state, HCA Florida Healthcare helps expand access to the specialized care patients need. HCA Florida Healthcare hospitals are annually recognized for excellence in patient experience and clinical outcomes, including three facilities ranked in the top 2% nationally for overall clinical excellence. A leader in healthcare education, HCA Florida Healthcare supports the next generation of healthcare workers through its 153 graduate medical education programs across 29 hospitals. In 2025, the network provided more than \$1.1 billion in uncompensated care and contributed more than \$3.5 million to community organizations across the state. Visit HCAFloridaHealthcare.com for more information.