

Dignity Health Folsom Q2 Newsletter

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My name is Dr. Brian Evans and it is my privilege to serve as the new President/CEO of Dignity Health Mercy Hospital of Folsom. It has been an honor to work with Michael Korpiel during this transition, and I thank him for the work he has done managing both Mercy Hospital of Folsom and Mercy San Juan Medical Center over the past year. His leadership and engagement in the Folsom community is to be commended, and I look forward to continuing my work with him as he returns to managing Mercy San Juan full-time.

For those that don't know me, I spent over 15 years as an emergency medicine physician before transitioning to hospital administration. During my career, I have held the titles of Chief of Medicine, Chief Medical Officer and for the past three years, President/CEO of Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital.

Dignity Health and the City of Folsom have a special partnership that spans over four decades. It is not a typical transactional relationship, but rather two entities working together to achieve a healthy and prosperous future for the place we call home. Recently, we announced our Folsom Ranch Medical Center project. You can learn more about this project below, but I am incredibly excited about this expansion and the shared future that Dignity Health and Folsom will have together.

Folsom Ranch Medical Center

Dignity Health is excited to continue to expand our footprint in Folsom. Over the next few years, we are planning to construct a new medical campus in the Folsom Ranch area of East Bidwell Parkway. The 530,000 square-foot Folsom Ranch Campus will start with the construction of a brand new medical office building, and will eventually grow to include a medical center with a 100-bed hospital, two medical office buildings and a helipad. This facility's size will also allow us the flexibility to expand as needed alongside the community.

In May, the Folsom Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the project. On June 8, the Folsom City Council unanimously voted to approve the building of our Folsom Ranch Campus. Dignity Health would like to thank both the Planning Commission, the City Council and our community for their support of the project. We look forward to working collectively over the next several decades to continue to ensure that Folsom and the surrounding area have access to high-quality medical care.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Although Governor Newsom lifted most restrictions on June 15, COVID-19 continues to be a threat to those who are not vaccinated. If you have not done so already, please contact the [Sacramento County Department of Public Health](#) to find where you can get your vaccine.

Dignity Health is proud to have contributed to inoculating the population. In Sacramento County, Dignity Health has administered nearly 150,000 shots to members of our community. We continue our efforts to reach historically underserved populations and to serve as community sources of truth for those who may have questions about the vaccine.

By doing our part and getting vaccinated, we can continue to keep Folsom, Sacramento and California trending in the right direction.

Celebrating Humankindness

We celebrated World Blood Donor Day (June 14) this year with a long-time member of Dignity Health. Elk Grove resident Alice May Benton (Dignity Health Member since 1932) shared an impactful story about how a simple gesture to donate blood resulted in a life of happiness. We encourage you to watch the <<Insert video link>>, and if able, [donate](#).

Dignity Health is celebrating Pride Month this June. We believe representation matters and therefore are celebrating this commemorative month by elevating the diverse voices of our LGBTQ+ team members, care providers and allies. Tune in to our social channels throughout the month to hear from employee voices from across our Sacramento Market and how to show their [#PRIDE](#).

As an organization, we will continue to listen, learn and improve in our commitment to serving and supporting the LGBTQ+ community this month and beyond.

Folsom Rodeo

Last year, we were saddened to not have the annual Folsom Pro Rodeo over the Fourth of July weekend. In the lieu of the event, Dignity Health was proud to partner with the City of Folsom and the Greater Folsom Partnership to bring residents of Folsom the first-ever Star-Spangled Drive-In and only large-scale fireworks show in the Sacramento Region

This year, we are thrilled to once again partner with the Folsom Pro Rodeo and lending our support to this signature community event. The event will run from July 2 to July 4 with nightly fireworks. This year, we are sponsoring a tent with Bonney Heating & Air for new and expecting moms where they can relax in a cooling space, nurse in comfy chairs, and rehydrate. We will also have diapers and a changing table available. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit FolsomProRodeo.com

Regards,

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