

Frequently Asked Questions

Grow Holland Bloorview Research Expansion: Playground Relocation

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Why is Holland Bloorview starting a construction project now?

Holland Bloorview's research institute is undergoing a significant expansion to increase its capacity to conduct life-enhancing research for children and youth with disabilities. An important component of this plan includes an 11,000 square foot addition to create much-needed space to reach its goal of having the highest concentration of childhood disability research anywhere in the world.

To support this expansion, the hospital needs to relocate our daycare playground in order to provide access to the construction site for the two-storey expansion (on floors 4-5) that is scheduled to begin construction next spring. We are taking advantage of this unique opportunity to build a state-of-the-art, accessible playground that will be available to our inpatient clients, daycare kids as well as students that go to our onsite school.

When will the construction of the playground begin?

Construction is scheduled to start June 15 and end August 28, barring any delays due to the current pandemic.

What hours will construction occur?

The hours of construction will be from 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, with some work occurring on Saturdays.

How will the construction impact me?

We are doing everything we can to mitigate any impact to the community. The work that will go on between June to August will be at a moderate noise level. The operation of machines, like small excavators, will be the loudest component of the work.

The construction will cause slight increases in the amount of air borne dust.

Is construction permitted during the pandemic?

The Ontario government issued an order that limits some construction during the pandemic. However, construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector are exempt from the order. Given that the playground redevelopment is essential to move forward with the Bloorview Research Institute (BRI) expansion, it falls within this exemption.

Where is the playground being constructed?

The new playground will replace the existing play structure on the west side of the building.

How will you ensure the safety of clients and families and staff during the construction?

This project is being managed by Buttcon Construction Limited, who have implemented protocols to protect the health, safety and well-being of the Holland Bloorview community as well as their employees and construction workers. Protocols include active screening, physical distancing, hand cleaning and sanitization and wearing personal protective equipment when appropriate.

Will this impact parking in the neighbourhood?

No. We do not anticipate an impact to parking availability in the neighborhood. Given the size and scope of this project, there will only be a few additional cars coming to the site. All construction equipment will be parked or stored on-site.

How is the hospital paying for this playground?

The playground is funded by the hospital, the Bloorview School Authority and by generous donors contributing to the Grow Holland Bloorview Research campaign.

Who is the playground for?

The playground is being built for the children of the Holland Bloorview community, including students at our Bloorview School Authority and on-site daycare. After school hours, our inpatient clients and families will have access to the playground.

Questions?

For comments or questions about this project, please contact:

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