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Catholic Health breaks ground on \$17M ambulatory and urgent care center

Catholic Health broke ground Monday on a \$17 million, 63,000-square-foot ambulatory and urgent care center in Suffolk County, part of its expansion across Long Island.

When the facility is completed next spring, it will be Catholic Health's first to offer immediate care in an outpatient setting, the health system said.

The multispecialty practice, in Centereach, will offer primary care, women's health, behavioral health, cardiology, neurosciences and orthopedics in addition to urgent care, the health system said. The team will include more than 30 primary care providers and specialists, it said.

Catholic Health projects that the center will treat more than 70,000 patients per year.

The system is leasing the space from Simone Development, a Bronx-based developer that maintains a portfolio of more than 100 commercial, industrial and mixed-use properties in the city, on Long Island and in Westchester and Fairfield counties.

President and CEO Patrick O'Shaughnessy said in a statement that the upcoming center will contribute to the Catholic Health's "strategic objective" to be "the most trusted health care system on Long Island."

Last month the system broke ground on a \$500 million, 300,000-square-foot [addition to Good Samaritan Hospital](#) in West Islip. It started construction

last year on an ambulatory family care center at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre, where the system is based.

Catholic Health reported [a surplus of about \\$7 million](#) on nearly \$792 million in operating revenue in the first quarter of this year. It operates six acute-care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, a hospice and a network of physician practices. —M.K.