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Frederick Health Increases Safety Screening Protocols at Hospital

Frederick, MD – August 3, 2022 Frederick Health, the largest healthcare provider in Frederick County, has implemented enhanced safety screening protocols at its hospital in downtown Frederick. These changes are in conjunction with the opening of the new $46.7 million-dollar Critical Care Expansion.

One of the most visible safety initiatives will be the addition of concealed weapons detection (CWD) devices, developed by Evolv Technology. Frederick Health has partnered with Evolv Technology to install these new, state-of-art screening devices in the hospital lobby and the Emergency Department lobby as these two entrances service the most visitors entering the hospital. All staff, visitors, and patients entering through either of these entrances will be actively screened for weapons. This comes on the heels of the implementation of a new and robust visitor management plan in 2020. Frederick Health is the first healthcare system in the state of Maryland to implement the Evolv screening system.

"Frederick Health's mission is to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community. People entering Frederick Health have an expectation of a safe and healing environment. Our initiatives reflect our commitment to increase organizational safety." said David Cornelius, Director of Public Safety, Emergency Management & Communications with Frederick Health.

Concealed weapons detection utilizes advanced surveillance and artificial intelligence (AI) not seen in traditional metal detection. This has allowed Frederick Health to create a workflow that will provide active screening without the need to empty pockets, bags or remove personal items. This technology can generally distinguish between harmless objects and potential weapons.

In addition to these enhanced security measures, Frederick Health will be undertaking a complete security audit of all facilities within its network to ensure that the appropriate security protocols are in place.

About Frederick Health

Frederick Health provides comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice.

Frederick Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty practice with more than 100 providers, 17 specialties and multiple locations across the county. The system has several ambulatory care locations, the freestanding James M Stockman Cancer Institute, two urgent care locations, and the Frederick Health Village.

With over 4,500 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community.

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