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**Hospital Care Unit at FCC Lompoc**

Lompoc, CA: In under four weeks, the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) in Lompoc, California, finalized construction of a Hospital Care Unit (HCU) inside the prison walls in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The HCU is located within a decommissioned Prison Industry factory, inside the confines of the medium-security component of the Complex, otherwise known as USP Lompoc. The transformation from office space to working hospital included a complete renovation, gutting the existing floor and wall coverings, replacing duct work, upgrading electric lines, installing showers, and building a Nurses Station.

The concept to build the hospital began on April 9, 2020, after the institution's first positive COVID-19 inmate case was identified on March 31, 2020. Based on the size of the inmate population, the epidemic curve projected a high volume of cases, which would require a level of hospitalization the local community would be unable to meet.

The HCU is comprised of ten (10) double-occupancy, acute care treatment rooms with negative pressure, Patient Intake Room, Nurses Station, Pharmacy, Linen Exchange Room, Biohazard Room, and Medical Supply & Storage. Several areas were retrofitted to accommodate an Officer's Station, a Staff Lounge, and Staff Locker Room, complete with shower stalls for use to mitigate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

FCC Lompoc negotiated a contract for medical personnel, including Doctors, Registered Nurses, Paramedics, Pharmacist, Physician Assistants, Nurse Assistants, and a Clinical Manager, who will work in conjunction with FCC Lompoc Health Services staff. Cases normally requiring outside hospitalization will be treated within the prison, minimizing the impact on the community and further ensuring public safety.

FCC Lompoc and Bureau of Prisons staff from throughout the Western Region are commended for the extraordinary amount of work and completing the project in an unprecedented amount of time. On Friday, May 1, 2020, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Hospital Care Unit which is scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp)

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