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## New parkade opens at KGH just in time for Christmas

The new parkade at Kelowna General Hospital will open on Monday, December 21, 2009. As a result, Interior Health will be reconfiguring the public and staff parking areas at the hospital.

The following are the highlights of the changes you should be aware of (please see attached map):

- The old parkade – now called the **West Parkade** – will be for **staff and physician use** only and will require a parking pass to access.
- The new parkade – called the **East Parkade** – will be for **staff, physician and public parking**:
  - **Level 1** will be **public parking**.
  - **Levels 2 and above** will be **staff and physician parking**.
- The **Rose Ave. surface lot** between the two parkades will be for **public use only**.
- The **Abbott St. surface lot** will be for **public use only**.
- The **emergency department lot** remains for **short-term public parking only**.
- The **Pandosy St. lot** across from the main hospital will remain for **staff and physician use only**.

Public parking in the new East Parkade will be “pay by space” – visitors will be required to remember their parking stall number when they pay, and will not require a parking ticket. A parking ambassador will be on hand to offer assistance to visitors in getting used to the new parking system.

The opening of the new East Parkade, combined with the re-opening of the full Rose Ave. surface lot will significantly increase the amount of available parking. The number of parking stalls at KGH will increase by about 45 percent for both staff and public by March 2010.

We understand the inconvenience visitors, staff, physicians and our neighbours have experienced as a result of the construction of the new UBC Medical School and Interior Health Clinical Academic Campus and the new Patient Care Tower. We thank you for your patience as we continue to make these significant improvements to health care for the benefit of all.

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# Parking changes at KGH, effective December 21, 2009

