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St. Luke's new Hailey clinic to open next week

HAILEY - It's new, it's modern, and it's mirrored across itself. It's also just about to open, welcoming patients from St. Luke's Family Medicine clinic in downtown Hailey to the brand-new facility near Friedman Memorial Airport.

The main floor of the facility is divided into four identical pods, coded by color for each quadrant, where physicians Thomas Archie, Frank Batcha, Julie Lyons, Leigh Morse, Richard Paris, Cortney Vandenberg, Kathryn Woods and physician's assistant Emily Karassik will see patients. They are moving from an outdated, small facility on Main Street in Hailey.

"We'll be able to provide a better service to the people in the Hailey area; it'll be much more modern, convenient, accessible," said St. Luke's Wood River Chief Executive Officer Bruce Jensen.

At about 30,000 square feet, three times the size of the old clinic, it will also accommodate the hospital's Community Health Center, large classrooms, Idaho Elks rehabilitation physical therapy space, and several unfinished spaces for expansion.

Today, there are no plans to offer specialty services not currently available at the downtown clinic, but space is available to include an outpatient IV clinic and lab services, and the hospital has built in the ability to add specialists as the market demands.

The building cost about \$10.5 million, and was funded primarily by St. Luke's rather than a particular large donor, Jensen said.

The facility will begin welcoming patients on Nov. 16, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Dec. 10, with tours available to the public from 6-8 p.m.

It is located at 1450 Aviation Drive, and can be reached at 788-3434.