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## **New Saint Alphonsus hospital to open today**

NAMPA — Saint Alphonsus will hold a grand opening celebration for its new neighborhood hospital in south Nampa today.

The new hospital is at 1510 12th Ave. Road near the existing Saint Alphonsus hospital, which has been replaced by two new facilities.

The 40,000-square-foot neighborhood hospital will have emergency services, short-stay inpatient care and radiology services. It will also have primary care services that have been relocated from the current clinic on Iowa Avenue in Nampa, according to the health system.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m.

Saint Alphonsus also recently opened a new hospital at Interstate 84 and Garrity Boulevard, which replaced the former hospital on 12th Avenue Road that opened in 1968 as the Mercy Medical Center.

Saint Alphonsus previously had offered the older hospital to the state and the Nampa school district to use.

The Nampa school district had considered using the building to consolidate its administrative services into a single location or to relocate career and technical programs from three high schools into one facility.

But after a \$130,000 study of the property, the Nampa school board voted to turn down the offer, taking into account the cost of renovating the building for student use, including safety and building code issues, and the increased operational costs that would come with the building.

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