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Media tours at new Central Prison Hospital and Mental Health Facility

RALEIGH — The Department of Correction will hold a news media tour at its new Regional Medical Center and Mental Health Facilities at Central Prison on Wednesday Oct. 19 at 9 a.m.

The new 120-bed Regional Medical Center and the 216-bed Mental Health Center will improve public safety by providing more medical care within the secure prison confines and by reducing the agency's reliance on community hospitals. A significant reduction in the cost of inmate medical care is also expected once the facilities begin treating inmates. The new facilities will begin accepting inmates this fall.

A brief tour will be given of the old medical and mental health units before a tour of the new facilities. Medical staff will be available to explain the public safety features and department functions. Media members who wish to attend the tour are asked to contact Keith Acree at 919-716-3727 or keith.acree@doc.nc.gov

The tour will last approximately two hours. Central Prison is located at 1300 Western Blvd. in Raleigh. Parking is available in the lot near the visitor center. All media need to sign in at the visitor center.

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