

January 21, 2020



Via Email and FedEx

Sherman Lohnes, Esq.
Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification
Department of Public Health
67 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. (d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center) – Closure of Medical/Surgical Service, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Rooms, Emergency Department, and Outpatient Rehab at Leonard Morse Campus

Dear Mr. Lohnes:

This letter is submitted on behalf of VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. (d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center), which operates a licensed hospital (#VL8S) with a campus in Framingham, MA and a campus in Natick, MA (the “Medical Center”). Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, the Hospital hereby informs the Department of Public Health (“Department”) that on or about February 20, 2020, it intends to submit a formal ninety-day (90) notice of the proposed discontinuation of the Medical Center’s Medical/Surgical Service, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Rooms, Emergency Department, and Outpatient Rehabilitation Service at MetroWest Medical Center Leonard Morse Campus at 67 Union Street, Natick, MA 01760 (“LMC”). As a consequence of these closures, only LMC’s psychiatric service, sleep lab service, and CT service will remain open.

Please note that in compliance with the Department’s regulations, the Medical Center through separate correspondence is sending notice today to the Medical Center’s patient and family council, each staff member of the Medical Center, and every labor organization that represents the Medical Center’s workforce during the period of the essential services closure process. Notice is also being sent today to the members of the General Court who represent the Town of Natick and the City of Framingham, as well as the Town of Natick’s Board of Selectmen Chair and Town Administrator, and the City of Framingham’s Mayor and City Council Chair.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Levine /CB".

Andrew S. Levine

cc: The Honorable David P. Linsky (Sen.)
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