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New Public Health Center Opens Monday Afternoon, Ribbon-Cutting Scheduled at 10 a.m.

FAYETTEVILLE – The public is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Cumberland County Public Health Center at 1235 Ramsey St. on Monday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. The center is adjacent to the Cumberland County Department of Social Services.

The center's clinics will officially open for normal patient operations later Monday at 1 p.m. However, the maternity clinic will see patients who have appointments Monday morning.

Construction started on the three-story, 108,000-square-foot building in June 2008. The new center is 20 percent larger than the current Health Department building on Fountainhead Lane. The total project cost is \$27.5 million and includes construction, special inspection fees, materials testing fees and design fees.

The functional areas on the first floor include Patient Services/Waiting; Women, Infant, Children (WIC) Services; Dental Services; Medical Records; Epidemiology; Immunization; Pharmacy and Loading Dock/Central Supplies. The second floor contains functional space to provide medical services to women, children and adults. The third floor contains the Public Health Center administrative offices.

The project architect is Calloway, Johnson, Moore & West located in Winston-Salem; and the construction manager is Rentenbach Constructors, also of Winston-Salem.

In addition to construction of the building itself, the project also included site improvements consisting of storm drainage conveyance and management system, paved parking, site lighting, concrete loading dock pad, sidewalks, irrigation system and landscaping.

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While the Health Department is relocating to the new center this week, limited services are being provided at alternate sites. For more information and guidance on where to go for services during the transition, patients are asked to call the health department switchboard at 433-3600.

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