

East Tallinn Central Hospital Emergency Medicine Centre to relocate to temporary premises in spring

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A temporary modular medical campus has been set up in the hospital courtyard and is ready to house the EMC, the EMC's radiology unit as well as the general front desk area come spring.

"The temporary premises contains all the equipment we need in order to work," said Head of the EMC Dr Märt Põlluveer.

"We will carry on as usual in the temporary premises. You could say that the temporary EMC is even more up-to-date than our current department."

The ground-level and underground floors of the EMC will be reconstructed during the repairs. "We are in need of new working arrangements and we also need to use our staff as effectively as possible because the number of people experiencing severe emergencies is growing by the year," says Põlluveer. "The current EMC is from the 1980s – there have been adjustments, but only within the existing limits."

Reconstruction work will improve the EMC's quarantine capacities to meet European standards. It will also improve its ability to cope with emergency situations and increase staff security. "The repairs will make sure the building is in compliance with the requirements of the Estonian Rescue Board," added Dr Põlluveer.

The EMC plans to move back into the reconstructed premises in the spring of 2022. Reconstruction work and operation in the temporary premises will cost ca 5 million euros.

In 2020, almost 53,000 patients turned to the East Tallinn Central Hospital Emergency Medicine Centre.