



Hôpital général juif  
Jewish General Hospital

## November 25, 2011 Update: Parking situation

### Background

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Recently, the hospital received government approval to make use of a parking lot at the Blue Bonnets / Hippodrome on Decarie at Jean Talon. This is good news for the JGH as the Bedford and Victoria parking lots (off-site) are no longer viable options. The Blue Bonnets site allows us to have parking stability for the next few years.

Therefore, all JGH parking permit holders at those off-site lots will be relocated to the Blue Bonnets parking lot. This self-parking lot will also be well lit and secure. During this period, we will continue to look for ways to improve the parking situation.

**Off-site parking at Blue Bonnets will begin in mid-January 2012. The exact date that this relocation will take effect will be communicated to you in the next two weeks.**

More shuttle buses will be available. The schedule will be posted in the coming weeks on [jgh.ca/now](http://jgh.ca/now).

### Frequently Asked Questions

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**1. *What are the criteria for people who are currently parking on-site, at the JGH?***

The JGH Parking Committee took into account the needs of staff members who work in direct clinical care and have a rotating schedual when determining who would remain in the Legare lot.

**2. *When do I begin parking at Blue Bonnets?***

Staff with off-site parking permits will be required to begin using the Blue Bonnets parking lot in mid-January 2012. The exact date will be communicated in the next two weeks. As of the effective date, the Bedford and Victoria parking lots will be closed.

**3. *How much will it cost to park at Blue Bonnets?***

The parking rate for Blue Bonnets will remain the same as the rate staff paid when parking at the Bedford and Victoria lots. The current off-site rate has been

frozen for the past two years and will remain frozen for the next two years, as promised.

**4. *Where is Blue Bonnets located?***

Blue Bonnets is located on the west side of Decarie Boulevard at Jean Talon. It is accessible from rue des Jockeys.

**5. *Where do I park my car at Blue Bonnets?***

Parking attendants and signs at the Blue Bonnets-site will navigate staff members to where their cars should be parked.

**6. *Is there security at the Blue Bonnets lot?***

Yes, there will be parking attendants at the Blue Bonnets lot at all times during hours of operation and the parking lot is lit to ensure that staff members are safe. Parking attendants wear uniforms to indicate that they are employees of Safeway Parking, which is the company that operates JGH parking lots.

Additionally, after dark should there be less than 10 people on the shuttle, the shuttle driver will drop each person off directly at their car.

**7. *Will there be a shelter on-site to wait in when the weather is bad?***

Yes, there will be three heated shelters at Blue Bonnets.

**8. *How often will the shuttle run?***

Shuttles will depart every 10 minutes, Monday to Friday between 4:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. Estimate about 20 to 30 minutes to travel between the lot and the hospital during peak hours. Bad weather and heavy traffic or accidents will affect the schedule.

Peak hours are 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Outside of peak hours expect shuttle departures every 20 minutes.

The shuttle will not run on weekends. (See point 13 below for information about weekend parking).

**9. *Can I bring my child or others on the shuttle?***

Yes. However, staff and volunteers have priority on the shuttle at all times. If there is not sufficient room for staff to board the shuttle, you and your guest must wait for the next shuttle as a courtesy to your fellow staff member.

The Parking Department will monitor the situation from time to time to ensure that staff and volunteers are given priority on the shuttle. Please respect this

courtesy.

**10. Where will the shuttle drop me off and pick me up at the JGH?**

The shuttle will drop off and pick up all passengers at the Cote Sainte-Catherine entrance.

**11. Can the shuttle use the reserved bus lane?**

Yes, the shuttle will be able to use the reserved lane on Cote des Neiges.

**12. Do I need to have my photo taken if I currently hold a parking permit or carpool in with someone who does?**

Yes. All parking permit holders (staff and volunteers) and those who carpool with them, who will use the Blue Bonnets parking lot are required to have a new photo. This photo will be placed on their new access card as part of the updated parking system.

For staff who have not already had their picture taken, please visit B-110 on one of the following days to do so:

Monday and Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday and Fridays: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\*\* Staff members who work the evening shift are asked to call extension 5000 to arrange for their photo to be taken.

**13. What if I need to come in on weekends, nights or statutory holidays? Where do I park?**

Staff and volunteers who work weekends, nights or statutory holidays are permitted to park on-site in the Legare parking lot.

Shuttles do not operate on statutory holidays.

Nights are considered as after 4:30 p.m.. Weekend parking is available from Friday at 4:30 p.m. until Monday at 8:00 a.m. To arrange access to the Legare parking lot during these hours, please contact the Parking Department at extension 2084.

**14. If I give up my parking pass now can I be placed on a list to return to on-site parking once it becomes available?**

Yes. Staff members who voluntarily give up their parking permit for the next few

years will be placed on a list to return to on-site parking, similar to those who gave up their parking in the last year.

These lists will be prioritized based upon when you gave up your parking, whether or not you benefitted from an Opus card and other criteria used to determine parking assignments. ***Details about return procedures will be communicated closer to next summer.***

Please contact the Parking Committee at extension 2084 to make arrangements.

**15. *If I give up my parking pass now and benefit from the free one year OPUS pass, am I eligible to be put onto a list to come back to the JGH once parking on-site becomes available?***

Yes. See point 14 above.

**16. *What will happen when the link between Pavilion H and the main hospital building is taken down? Will the shuttle make an additional stop at Pavilion H?***

The Parking Committee will re-evaluate the shuttle service once the link is removed for the construction of the future Atrium. The Atrium will permanently link Pavilions H and K to the main hospital building.

**17. *What is the status regarding on-site parking at the JGH?***

The new underground parking lot beneath Pavilion K should be operational by summer 2012. At that time, visitor parking will be shifted to the underground lot. This means approximately 300 permit holders will be able to return to on-site parking. The parking committee will communicate the return procedures for permit holders closer to next summer.

**18. *What is the status of off-island parking alternatives?***

The JGH is currently working with Mobiligo, a company that specializes in ecofriendly modes of transportation, on alternative transportation ideas for staff from the West Island, Laval, East End and the South Shore. In turn, the public transit corporations for these areas must be consulted. We will notify you when we have more information.

For all inquiries pertaining to permits, fees or general parking questions, please contact the Parking Department at extension 2084.