

HealthFirst

Serving Brevard's health first.

April 15, 2025

As our community prepares for the closure of Rockledge Regional Medical Center next week, many are understandably asking what comes next—especially when it comes to emergency care.

We want to reassure you: Brevard's emergency response system remains strong, connected, and built to respond when minutes matter.

A Coordinated System That Works

Brevard County is served by a single, unified EMS system that brings together:

- Brevard County Fire Rescue
- Coastal Ambulance
- Health First's First Flight air ambulance and Level II Trauma Center

These services are linked through a shared dispatch model, coordinated protocols, and decades of close partnership. It's a model that works—getting patients the right care, in the right place, without delays or confusion.

Earlier this year, 16-year-old Nicole Goslant was thrown from a boat and struck by a propeller. She was unconscious and not breathing.

Nicole survived because this coordinated system did exactly what it's designed to do:

- Paramedics secured her airway at the scene.
- Health First's First Flight helicopter met her at a nearby hospital.
- In the air, she was stabilized.
- At Holmes Regional, the trauma team was ready and waiting.

Today, Nicole is thriving. Her story is a powerful reminder that local, seamless care saves lives.

“Because of this first response and such a quick response and everything they did to save her, that’s why she’s here with us today.” — Nicole’s mother

[Read Nicole's full story.](#)

What We’re Focused On

Health First is working every day to ensure continuity of care for the people of Brevard. In response to the upcoming closure of Rockledge Regional, we’ve:

- Expanded capacity across our hospitals.
- Strengthened coordination with Brevard County and EMS partners.
- Invested in additional resources to meet community needs, including emergency care and trauma services.

Yesterday, [Florida Today](#) reported on long-term investments planned in Brevard following the closure. While those commitments are appreciated, what our community needs most right now is coordinated, local care.

Health First is focused on action—expanding capacity, strengthening emergency coordination, and meeting needs in real time.

In moments like these, our community needs more than promises. It needs access, urgency, and trusted coordination. That’s what we’re delivering.

We’ll continue to share updates as we take real steps to strengthen emergency care and ensure our community can count on a system that’s fast, local, and connected.

Our next community update will be shared on Tuesday, April 22. [Click here](#) to learn more or request additional information. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

[Learn more.](#)



[hf.org](https://www.hf.org)