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Banner Mesa slated for September closure

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Banner Mesa Medical Center in Mesa will close Sept. 18, the same day Banner Gateway Medical Center will open at U.S. 60 and Higley Road in Gilbert.

Banner Desert Medical Center, at Dobson Road and Southern Avenue, is five miles from the Banner Mesa campus. Plus, Banner Baywood Medical Center at Power Road and Baywood is east of Banner Mesa.

Hospital executives say Banner Mesa's infrastructure would not support its future use as a patient care facility.

It would have cost far more than \$100 million to refurbish the aging facility, one of Banner's eight Valley facilities, said Banner Health spokesman Bill Byron.

"We're still in the process of determining future use," he said.

Banner Mesa was known as Mesa Lutheran Hospital before Samaritan Health System merged with Lutheran Health System to create Banner Health in September 1999.

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