

School-based Health Clinic at Valley Center:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the school based health clinic (SBHC)?
 - The SBHC is located near the nurse's office at Valley Center High School. It is an extension clinic of KU Wichita Pediatrics. The clinic sees students in the district for acute health issues like sore throats, coughs, sports injuries.
2. When is the clinic open?
 - Initially, the clinic will be open from 8:40-11:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
3. What services will the SBHC provide?
 - The clinic will initially function like an urgent care clinic (like Med Express, Little Clinic, or IMC) and see students for acute issues like sore throat, urinary tract infections, cough, sports injuries, etc.
4. How can I schedule an appointment for my child at the SBHC?
 - Please contact your child's school nurse to schedule an appointment.
5. Who can be seen in the SBHC?
 - Right now, the clinic is open to students enrolled in USD 262.
6. Can I change my primary care provider (PCP) to the SBHC?
 - Not currently. Right now, the clinic is only providing acute services and students will need to have a PCP for non-acute issues such as well checks, vaccines, and chronic health issues. If a student does not have a PCP, we can make a referral to a primary care clinic.
7. What if my child is already seen at KU Wichita Pediatrics Wesley Care Clinic, can they see the SBHC for follow-up care?
 - This needs to be discussed with your child's PCP. If that is appropriate, then your child's PCP will contact Kerry Nantsis to schedule follow up care at the SBHC.
8. If my child gets sick at school do they have to be seen at the SBHC or can I go to my own doctor?
 - No one will be required to be seen in the SBHC. It is being offered as a service to help make access to health care easier for students in the district but parents will always have the choice to take their child to another clinic for medical care.
9. What is required for my child to be seen at the SBHC?
 - Consent must be on file for students to be seen in the SBHC. The consent form and health history form went out by email on January 22, 2021 and are available here: http://usd262.net/district/health_service/school_based_health_clinic. Forms are also available in the health office and main office of each building. The forms need to be read, signed and returned to your child's school nurse before the child can be seen for care in the clinic.
10. Can my student be seen without a parent at the SBHC?
 - We prefer that parents are present when students are seen at the SBHC. We understand that this may not always be possible. If your student attends the high school and the consent form is signed, we can see your student without you present however we do need to be able to reach you by phone for questions and updates. The state of Kansas also allows minors to consent for certain medical care without a parent present. We will honor state law in these circumstances. If your student is not enrolled at the high school, the parent or another adult with consent on file will need to bring the student to the SBHC for care. If you are unable to attend the appointment with your child, you can give your consent for another adult (grandparent, aunt/uncle, adult sibling, etc.) to provide medical consent for your child's care. Please contact your child's school nurse for instructions on how to do this.

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11. My child does not attend the high school, can they still be seen at the SBHC?
 - Yes, the clinic is open to all enrolled USD 262 students. Parents/guardians can schedule appointments at the SBHC for their students and then bring them to the appointment just as with other physicians' offices.
12. My student has a chronic health condition that sometimes flares up (like eczema, asthma, etc.), can the SBHC assess my child for these acute issues?
 - Yes, the SBHC would see your student for an acute flare of a chronic issue. In these situations, the APRN may contact your child's PCP to help coordinate care.
13. I think my student is depressed, can the SBHC assess her/him for this?
 - Yes, the APRN can assess your child's mental health. The SBHC APRN may also contact your child's PCP to help coordinate care in these cases and make a referral to a mental health specialist.
14. My child needs a sports physical, can they get it at the SBHC?
 - Yes. Sports physicals will be included in services at the SBHC.
15. Will the SBHC contact my child's doctor after they receive care at the SBHC?
 - Yes, if you provided the contact information of the child's PCP, following the visit, the APRN will send a copy of the medical note to your child's PCP.
16. Can my child get lab tests and Xrays at the SBHC?
 - Yes, some labs and Xrays will be available. If the student needs a test that is not done at the SBHC, the APRN will send the student with an order to get that test done at an outside lab or Xray facility.
17. What if my child gets seriously ill or injured at school?
 - Some illnesses or injuries will be outside of the scope of the SBHC. In these cases, the school will follow their health policies.
18. Can my child get a prescription from the SBHC?
 - Yes, the APRN will be able to provide medically necessary prescriptions to students receiving care in the SBHC. The APRN will not provide prescriptions for controlled substances such as ADHD medication, narcotics, or other strong pain relievers.
19. If my child has been seen at the SBHC and I have a question after school hours, who do I contact?
 - Just like other urgent care clinics, if you have a question regarding your child's health after school hours or when the clinic is closed, please contact your child's primary care physician. If you or your child needs immediate or emergent care, call 911.
20. Will the clinic be open if schools are closed?
 - The SBHC will be closed if school closes. If school closes due to inclement weather, the APRN will call to reschedule your appointment to telehealth if appropriate or to another day.
21. Will the SBHC take my insurance?
 - KU Wichita Pediatrics takes all major insurance companies including KanCare and military insurance. The clinic will bill your insurance for the service(s) provided and any uncovered expense will be billed to the responsible party.
22. What if I cannot afford the medical care my child received at the clinic?
 - If you have difficulty paying for your child's medical care, please call the billing office at (316) 293-3429.
23. Who can I contact if I have questions/comments about the SBHC?
 - For any questions regarding the SBHC, please contact your child's school nurse.