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RE: KU Wichita Pediatrics Health Clinic at Valley Center High School

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Community Members,

KU Wichita Pediatrics and USD 262, Valley Center Public Schools are excited to announce the February 2, 2021, opening of a school-based health clinic (SBHC) to serve students within the Valley Center District. The SBHC is a pilot project supported both locally and at the state level to help determine if the program proves it is valuable to the community and is sustainable long-term.

Initially, the clinic will be open at the high school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:40-11:30 AM. Kerry Nantsis, APRN, will be the health care provider on site during those times. The SBHC will function similarly to an urgent-care clinic and will provide services for in-district students including the evaluation of acute illness or injury such as sports injuries, cough, cold, fever, rashes, headaches, urinary tract infections, acne, COVID-related concerns, and others. Several laboratory services will be provided through LabCorp onsite and at satellite locations. Students not attending the high school will need to have a parent or guardian present and bring them to the clinic for care. Parents of high school students will be contacted and asked if they would like to be present during the appointment.

Consent forms are required to be on file prior to visiting the clinic. The forms were included in the informational email sent to families, are available in the health and main office of each building, and on the district website here: http://usd262.net/district/health_service/school_based_health_clinic. Consent forms can be returned to the school nurse. Please place the forms in a sealed envelope labeled "KU Wichita Pediatrics School Clinic". You can also fill out the forms, print, sign, and email them back to VCHS Nurse, Andrea Boone, at andrea.boone@usd262.net.

KU Wichita Pediatrics accepts most major insurances including Medicaid. Billing will work similar to an urgent care clinic, first billing the insurance company and then the responsible party for any remaining balance. Please contact our billing office at (316) 293-3429 if you have any concerns regarding payment for services. Our goal is to provide care to all who need it.

It is our hope the SBHC will make access to pediatric care easier for Valley Center families and eliminate the need to drive out of town for acute health care. This may decrease school absences for students and reduce missed work time for parents. It is also our goal to expand the SBHC to include preventive health care, expanded hours, and staff health care in the future.

Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor. KU Wichita Pediatrics looks forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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Kari Harris, MD
Medical Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Nantsis'.

Kerry Nantsis, APRN
SBHC Provider

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cory L. Gibson'.

Cory Gibson, Ed.D.
Superintendent, USD 262,
Valley Center Public Schools