

2016 Health Updates

- If your student is not up to date on vaccines then you should have received a notification in December. AHS is required by Colorado State Law to keep all students in compliance with state required vaccines. Please make sure that you **turn in all updated vaccine records** or sign an exemption as soon as possible (if you have not already done so) to avoid your student from being excluded from school.
- AHS now has Stock EPI Pens available following the procedures recommended by the legislation passed in the state of Colorado in 2014. Our Health consultant, Etoile Hening, RN has worked with Dr. Jesse Hutt to obtain the stock EPI Pens to be available to our students in the event a student with no previous diagnosis of an allergy has an anaphylactic emergency. Studies have shown that up to 25% of the severe and potentially life-threatening reactions reported in schools happened to children with no previous diagnosis. The stock EPI Pens are not intended for the use of students with known allergies. Students with known allergies are still required to supply their own personal medications, care plans, and physician orders. We have four staff members that have received advanced training that are currently certified as “Stock EPI Pen Administrators”.
- AHS has an in house AED (Thanks to Dr. Jesse Hutt and a very generous donation from Susie and Greg Stilwell). All staff members at AHS are CPR and First Aid certified.
- A very special thank you goes out to Dr. Philip Wiley and Dr. Josh Holley for donating services to care for all of our students that need hearing referrals.

All AHS Students are eligible to access all of the services available at the School-Based Health Centers, Details listed below

In partnership with Axis Health System, the School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) offer a practical and affordable approach to bringing healthcare services to students during school hours. These integrated, primary healthcare clinics are available within Durango School District 9-R at both Durango High School and Florida Mesa Elementary and offer quality physical and behavioral health services to all students that are attending the charter schools as well as all 9R students. Students will be billed for services provided in accordance with any insurance benefits they have or as self pay if not covered by insurance. Access to care is not restricted

based on the ability to pay. A sliding fee discount program is available to those students that qualify.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are services confidential?

Patient information provided at the SBHCs is confidential according to all State and Federal privacy laws. SBHC staff work closely with parents and students to encourage active communication and participation in the student's healthcare.

What services are offered in the SBHC?

We offer all of the following at our SBHCs:

- Well Child exams and Sports Physicals
- Chronic care management, such as asthma or diabetes
- Acute illness and injury treatment
- Onsite laboratory testing for strep throat, urine screening, and anemia
- Laboratory, x-ray and prescriptions can be ordered
- Immunizations
- Preventive dental services
- Referrals and financial assistance for restorative dental services
- Pregnancy prevention, education, family planning, and abstinence counseling
- Diagnosis, treatment, and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases
- Behavioral health services including emotional and substance use screening and interventions
- Psychiatric consultation

Who provides the services at the SBHC?

A licensed practical nurse serving as the SBHC coordinator, an administrative assistant, a nurse practitioner who can diagnose and prescribe and a behavioral health consultant who provides behavioral/mental health education and consulting, crisis evaluation, and short-term therapies. Other local medical providers may be added as pro bono or funded arrangements are developed for example, appointment with a dermatologist, or allergist.

What does my student need to be seen at a SBHC?

An enrollment packet, with a consent for treatment signed by a student's parent or guardian, is required prior to a student being allowed to access to healthcare services (including family planning, mental health, and substance abuse) at the SBHCs. Please complete, sign, and return the following forms along with your student's registration materials:

- SBHC Consent for Treatment
- SBHC Patient Registration
- SHHC Financial Agreement
- SBHC Student Health History

What are the hours at the SBHC?

During the school year, the clinic at Florida Mesa Elementary is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our clinic at Durango High School is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Our summer hours are as follows: The Durango High School Clinic is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 9-4, The Florida Mesa clinic is open Tuesdays 9-4

Both SBHCs at Florida Mesa Elementary and Durango High School offer full immunizations on site required for school and same day appointments are often available.

Appointments and walk-ins welcome during regular school hours (after hours by phone). Call one of our School-Based Health Centers today to set up an appointment or get more

information: Durango High School-Based Health Center (970) 259-1630 ext. 2107 Florida Mesa Elementary School-Based Health Center (970) 385-1168