

## Patuxent Valley Middle School-Based Wellness Center

*“Bringing your child quality health care in school”*

*A partnership between the Howard County Health  
Department and the Howard County Public School System*

Health Services Include:

- Annual/Camp/Sports Physicals
- Immunizations (including flu vaccine)
- Treatment for illnesses: Strep throat, ear infections and more
- Management of obesity, asthma, and other chronic illnesses

Our staff will work with you and your child’s healthcare provider to coordinate care so your child receives the care he or she needs while in school.

Your child can be seen right away so they feel better sooner, lose less class time and you do not miss work!

***No child is ever refused services for inability to pay or an outstanding bill.***

The Wellness Center is open on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** when school is in session from  
**7:30 a.m. until 3p.m.**

***To schedule an appointment call  
Wellness Center at 301-490-1655***

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## **What is a school-based health or wellness center?**

A school-based wellness center is similar to a doctor's office, but located inside a school or on a school campus. It is able to provide preventive and primary health care services to children throughout the school day. All treatment requires written consent from parents and/or guardians.

The Patuxent Valley Middle Wellness Center is located inside of the health room.

## **Health Services provided include:**

- Annual/Camp/Sports Physicals
- Immunizations (including flu vaccines)
- Treatment for illnesses: Strep throat, ear infections and more
- Management of obesity, asthma, and other stable chronic illnesses

## **Who provides the health services?**

The center is staffed by a: part-time nurse practitioner, who is the clinician providing the medical services; a part-time medical office assistant that registers patients, performs health measurements, and obtains specimens; and a part-time physician who oversees the medical care.

## **If the child already has a health provider, why would they need to enroll in the school-based wellness center?**

The wellness center provides convenient and accessible health services for children who are unable to see their primary provider. Children who are ill or injured in school can receive immediate medical care and reduce the time they miss from the classroom. Parents do not have to miss time from work to take their children to the doctor's office.

## **What if the child does not have health insurance?**

Families will be assisted in applying for Maryland's Children's Health Program (MCHP provides health care coverage to low-income children up to age 19 and pregnant women of any age). Those who are not eligible for MCHP and are still without health insurance will be charged based on a sliding scale. No child will ever be refused services due to his or her family's inability to pay or for having an outstanding bill.

## **What are the center's hours of operation?**

The center is open on most school days from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.