

## Howard County School-Based Wellness Centers "Bringing your child quality health care in school" A partnership between the Howard County Health Department and the Howard County Public School System

**Bollman Bridge Elementary School** 8200 Salvage Guilford Road Jessup, MD 20794 **Patuxent Valley Middle School** 9151 Vollmerhausen Road Jessup, MD 20794

ALL students attending the Bollman Bridge Elementary and Patuxent Valley Middle Schools are eligible to enroll in the Wellness Center Program.

Our Nurse Practitioner can provide the following services:

- Assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and injuries, including prescriptions if needed
- Preventive care including physical exams, immunizations, health screenings and education
- Management of obesity, asthma, and other stable chronic illnesses

Both centers provide on-site mental health services provided by a licensed mental health provider.

There are many advantages to enrolling your child in the Wellness Center program:

- Our staff works directly with the school nurse, guidance staff and administration to limit the amount of time your child misses from class.
- Children can be seen *during* school to determine if they have an acute illness or if they can remain in school, which also means parents don't have to leave work unnecessarily.
- Parents and the child's primary care provider in the community are always notified by letter or phone call of visits to the Wellness Center to ensure continuity of care.

Your Cost For School-Based Wellness Center Services:

- You will NOT be charged by the Health Department or your insurance company. **There is no co-pay or deductible.** If your child has Medical Assistance, they will be billed directly.
- If your child is uninsured, 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).

If you would like your child to be enrolled in the Wellness Center, please return your <u>completed</u> enrollment form to the Wellness Center office at your child's school. Services can only be provided to students who are **enrolled.** If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 301-490-1655. The Wellness Centers are open Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm during the school year.