

# Mt. Washington School health center now open to public

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*The Mt. Washington School health center is now open to the community after previously serving only students and staff at the school. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.*



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MT. WASHINGTON – After having served students and staff for almost a year, a health center will now be open to the public.

Starting June 3, the school-based health center at Mt. Washington School began accepting appointments from residents in the community.

“There are a lot of our families who are not being served,” said Ilene Hayes, a resource coordinator for the school. “We realize it’s important for people to be healthy.”

“Why not offer this.”

Hayes said providing this service for the community is new and “truly an experiment” at this stage. “We’re testing the waters,” she said.

The health center was specifically for the students when it began operation last August. During the course of the school year, services were expanded to include families and staff.

“It’s an additional health care resource for the community,” said Laura Huss, a family nurse practitioner at the center.

The center will provide treatment for common illnesses, allergies, minor wounds, stomach aches and chronic conditions such as migraines and asthma. Lab tests for certain ailments can also be scheduled..

Additionally, check-ups and physicals will be provided.

The center serves all ages, and most private insurance as well as Medicaid and Medicare are accepted.

The health center is open 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be closed during July.

Visits should be scheduled in advance. Call 363-3819.

Mt. Washington School is at 1730 Mears Ave.