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New Health Center Now Open

The Knox County Community Health Center is officially open.

The Health Center is located inside the Knox County Health Department at the corner of Upper Gilchrist and Coshocton roads, just up from Wal-mart. Presently, the Center's hours are the same as the health department: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 4:30 p.m. The Center is open until 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month and plans to add additional evening hours as well as hours on Saturday.

The new Health Center is a patient-centered medical home offering preventive and primary care to patients of all ages. Patient-centered means that individuals can come to the center for medical services and also get dental care and help with mental health issues and receive education on how to avoid high blood pressure. "We will be a one-stop shop for healthcare," said Lane Belangia, chief operating officer for the center

Medical services include, but are not limited to: treatment of illness such as ear aches, colds, sore throats, sinus infections and management of chronic disease such as diabetes; physical exams for work, school and sports; well-child exams; immunizations for children and adults; and women's health including pregnancy tests and Pap tests.

Dental services include cleanings, fillings, sealants, extractions, x-rays, fluoride treatments, oral health exams and oral cancer screenings.

"The lack of insurance or income should never be a barrier to getting heath care," said Belangia. "We will strive to serve the entire community."

The Health Center accepts uninsured individuals as well as those on Medicaid, all Medicaid managed care plans, Medicare, and with other insurance companies. If patients do not have health insurance, there is a sliding fee with proof of income. Also, there is Health Center staff who can assist patients with enrolling in health insurance or Medicaid if they qualify.

Health Center staff will also connect patients with other community services that can help them including tobacco cessation classes, nutrition counseling, substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

To make an appointment at the new Health Center, call 740-399-8008.

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