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MNPS Employee and Family Health Centers Open

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 28, 2009) – Metro Nashville Public Schools’ new Employee and Family Health Centers are now open for all MNPS and Metro employees, retirees and their dependents. Five clinics are strategically placed around the city so that all MNPS and Metro employees are a short drive away from high quality health care. These clinics will serve more than 20,000 employees in the Nashville area.

“Our teachers and Metro employees provide great services to the city,” said Patti McCarver, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Vanderbilt School of Nursing Faculty and MNPS Employee & Family Healthcare Centers Manager. “It is a privilege to manage these clinics for them. I love the fact that they are so easily accessible.”

All clinics operate Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and the Bransford site is open Saturdays 8 a.m. – noon. Clinic locations are:

- **Central**, Administrative Building
2601 Bransford Avenue
- **North**, Madison/Taylor Stratton Elementary
310 Old Hickory Blvd
- **Northeast**, Two Rivers Middle
2991 McGavock Pike
- **Southeast**, Mt View Elementary
3820 Murfreesboro Rd
- **West**, Brookmeade Elementary
1015 Davidson Drive

All clinics are located in distinct yellow and grey portables. Each clinic is run by a highly qualified, board certified, family nurse practitioner affiliated with Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Physicians are available for consultation with the nurse practitioners at all times. Patients benefit from prompt high quality care for everything from acute illnesses to injuries. Additional services the clinics provide include women’s health care, annual physicals, sports physicals, immunizations, management of chronic illness, and health risk assessments. Same day appointments are available for acute illnesses.

“The vision of this contract is much deeper than providing high quality, convenient and less expensive care,” said Bonnie Pilon, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Practice for Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and Interim CEO of UCHS. “It is about population management -- knitting together prevention strategies for chronic diseases such as diabetes that take place outside the exam room and working together to improve overall health.”

These new clinics are a result of a new partnership with Insurance Trust and University Community Health Services (UCHS), a non-profit committed to community health care. They are funded by the Teachers Health Plan and have no out-of-pocket expenses for certificated employees and dependents. Support staff and other Metro employees will have to pay their regular copays, coinsurance and deductibles. Appointments can be made by calling 259-8755.

“While many employers have taken steps to restrict access to healthcare to control cost, the Insurance Trust has actually taken actions to remove barriers to care to improve health,” said David Hines, MNPS Employee Benefits Manager. “We believe by helping our employees receive care in a convenient and cost-effective manner, we are better poised to identify critical diseases in their early stages, assisting our employees and their families in better management of their health. The end result should be a healthier population, lower health care cost, lower absenteeism and greater productivity.”

The purpose of the clinics is to provide convenient, fast and high quality healthcare. With these new health centers, employees can seek medical treatment during lunch breaks, and before or after the work day. The district hopes the convenience and quality of these clinics will help cut down on the number of healthcare related absences for employees and their dependents. All clinics officially opened April 2009.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing is ranked in the Top 20 by *U.S. News & World Report*. The school offers high-quality programs for every interest, stellar faculty who also practice in their fields, clinical experiences second to none, active engagement with world-renowned experts and health care resources, and research and scholarly activity that are leading the nursing discipline forward with evidence-based education and patient care.

UCHS is a not-for-profit community agency that is committed to offering accessible, high quality primary care services to improve the health of vulnerable populations as well as general population through Middle Tennessee.

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