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Center Street Community Health Center and Marion City Schools Announce School-Based Health Partnership

MARION, Ohio — 8/12/2026 — Center Street Community Health Center, in partnership with Marion City Schools, is expanding access to high-quality healthcare by bringing school-based health services directly to students, staff, and families.

The School-Based Health Center will provide convenient access to services such as preventive care, immunizations, physical exams, sports physicals, treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, medication management, and support for chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes.

“At Center Street Community Health Center, we believe healthy students are better positioned to attend school, remain engaged in the classroom, and reach their full potential,” said **Audrey Cobb, CFO/COO**. “This partnership is about more than providing healthcare—it is about creating a healthier school community and removing barriers that can prevent students and families from accessing the care they need.”

“Student wellness and academic success are directly connected,” stated Marion City Schools Superintendent Brian Murphy. “Providing convenient access to healthcare through this center is another way to support the whole child—reducing absences, managing ongoing health needs, and ensuring our students are healthy, in school, and ready to learn. We are excited about what this partnership will mean for our students, families, staff and community.”

Audrey Cobb, emphasized the importance of being integrated into the school community: “We know that families are busy, transportation can be difficult, and getting appointments during the school day can be a challenge. Our goal is to make healthcare accessible and convenient, supporting students and families where they are.”

A parent or guardian must provide consent before a student can receive services. Services will be billed to insurance similarly to traditional healthcare providers, with sliding fee discounts available for qualifying families.

"We would love to become a healthcare home for families who need one, but we also understand that many already have a strong relationship with their primary providers, " said Audrey. "We aren't trying to replace those relationships; we want to be another resource."

“This partnership started with a simple conversation,” Murphy said. “Now, we are close to opening the doors and making a meaningful difference for Marion’s students, families, and community.”

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