

STUART M. TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hudson Headwaters Health Network has been providing care to children and teens in the North Country for over three decades. We are thrilled to now be partnering with the Hadley-Luzerne School District to bring high-quality primary care to students at the new school-based health center, Hadley-Luzerne Student Health. We'd like to share some information, so you and your child know what to expect.

Opening and Hours of Operation:

The health center is open every day that school is in session from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You will be able to reach a member of our pediatric health care team by phone until 5:00 p.m.

Services:

Primary care services provided to students may include annual physicals, sports physicals, illness or injury referred by the school nurse, vaccinations, chronic disease management, women's health or other care not routinely provided by the district's nurse.

Consent and Participation:

All students in the Hadley-Luzerne School District (including **both** Hadley-Luzerne Junior/Senior High School and the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School) are eligible to enroll in the school-based health program.

To receive services, parents must complete the enclosed enrollment forms. Additionally, these forms are available at the school or online at www.hhhn.org. Enrollment in the program can be completed at any time.

All parents are encouraged to enroll their child in the program, even if they already have a primary care provider. Enrolling your child gives you the option of using the school-based health center if needed. The school-based health center team will work with your family doctor to provide back-up care when necessary and to help monitor chronic conditions.

Eligibility, Insurance, Payment:

There are no income or insurance requirements to participate in this program. Services are provided with **no out of pocket costs** to families. If your child has insurance, we will bill your insurance company if applicable. Should your child need additional services **outside** of Hadley-Luzerne Student Health, we offer financial and billing assistance through budget agreements, a Sliding Fee discount for medical, dental and other services, and RX Assist for financial assistance with ongoing prescription needs. For more information about our financial assistance programs please call 518-824-8640 or visit our website.

Appointments:

Students may access services from the health center through direction from the school nurse if they are enrolled in the program. Parents will also be able to schedule appointments for their children at this location.

If your child becomes ill at school, the school nurse will determine if it is necessary for your child to receive care. We will always attempt to contact you by phone if your child is seen for an acute illness or injury and will send home a written explanation of the care given and the necessary follow-up. Medications and prescriptions will not be sent home with your child. Prescriptions will be sent to the pharmacy of your choice.

If your child is ill, **please do not** send him/her to school. If you would like your child to be seen at Hadley-Luzerne Student Health, please call and make an appointment for your child to be seen. Parents are always welcome to come to their child's appointment. If you are unable to attend the appointment, we can see your child during the school day and call you before and after their appointment.

If needed, transportation from the Hadley-Luzerne Junior/Senior High School to Hadley-Luzerne Student Health will be provided by the school.

After Hours/Urgent Care:

When school is not in session and your child is ill, please contact your child's primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider for your child, please contact our Pediatric and Adolescent Health office at 518-798-6400.

Hudson Headwaters also offers **urgent care** for health concerns that arise suddenly but are not life-threatening at two of our facilities, the Health Center on Broad Street in Glens Falls and the Warrensburg Health Center seven days a week with evening hours. Please visit our website for more information.

Patient Portal:

As a parent or legal guardian, you can manage your child or teen's personal health information on our secure online health portal. Our portal allows you to access medical information you need like medications, immunizations, and appointment summaries from the convenience of your computer or mobile device. To register, select "yes" on the enrollment form and share your email address. You may also register for the patient portal by calling the health center.

Meet the Hadley-Luzerne Student Health Team:

Our team of experienced pediatric providers and nurse, Arlinda Allen, will work closely with the school nurse, Annie Horn to make sure your child receives the high-quality healthcare they need. Our team is available should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to caring for the students of the Hadley-Luzerne School District.



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