



## Frequently Asked Questions:

- ◆ **Does the parent have to be present for the doctor's appointment?** Parents are strongly encouraged to attend, but it is not required for the appointments with primary care physicians. However, parents will always be notified prior to scheduling an appointment. Specialty appointments require the parent to attend.
- ◆ **What if the doctor orders blood work or lab testing for a student?** If labs are ordered, parents will have to take the child to Memorial Hospital and Manor to complete the necessary testing. Strep, flu, and urine analysis testing can be performed at the school clinic with parental consent.
- ◆ **What if the doctor prescribes medicine for a student?** The medication will be e-scripted (electronically sent) to the pharmacy of the parent's choice. Pickup and payment of the medication will be the responsibility of parent.
- ◆ **Will a student still be seen by the school nurse if they are not enrolled in the school-based health clinic program?** Yes, students will be seen by the school nurse even if they are not enrolled in the program. However, students will NOT be seen by a Physician unless the telehealth enrollment packet has been completed and is on file.

*Let's Change the World, One Child at a Time...*

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**View a Video at the following link:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNIWGLSNnro>



# Decatur County Telehealth Program

Providing  
 Healthcare Services  
 for Our children at:

Jones Wheat and  
 West Bainbridge  
 Elementary  
 Health Clinics





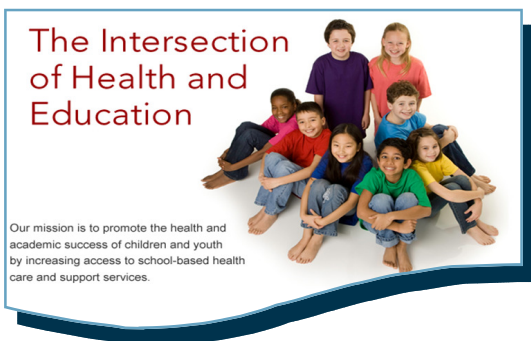
# School-Based Health Clinics



## What is Telehealth?

A school-based telehealth program is a collaborative partnership between the Educators, Schools, School Nurses, Board of Education, and local Healthcare Providers. The partnership allows for certain healthcare services to be delivered directly in the school clinic.

Assessments and evaluations by a Licensed Healthcare Provider can be completed utilizing advanced technology that allows for communication directly between the school nurse and healthcare provider. The telehealth program helps provide necessary healthcare services for our children directly in the school.



## Our Telehealth Program

Memorial Hospital and Manor and the Decatur County School System were awarded a grant in September 2014 by the Georgia Partnership for

Telehealth to establish and operate rural school-based telehealth programs at Jones Wheat and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools. Our collaborative partnership includes the Board of Education, Jones Wheat and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools, Memorial Hospital and Manor, Memorial Pediatrics, and Amelia Medical Plaza.

## What is a school-based clinic?

- Health clinics that operate and function in the school nurses' office at designated schools
- Includes integration of services during school to help meet the minor health needs of students without having to be absent from school
- The team consists of school nurses, social workers, participating physicians, and school staff.
- Students will have the opportunity to be seen by a physician virtually via a real-time computer linkage.
- Written parent/guardian consent is required for a student to participate and receive telehealth services.
- There is a fee for using this service, and all charges will be the responsibility of the parent (s) and will be billed to any insurance companies if applicable.

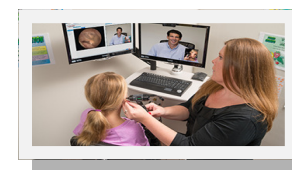


## Our School-based Clinics will offer the following services:

- Care for acute illness (sore throat, skin rash)
- Minor Injuries (scrapes and muscle strains)
- Management of ongoing or existing conditions
- Monthly medication management
- Lab tests (flu, strep, urinalysis, etc.)
- Access to Physician Specialists

## How can a student participate?

- Students must "opt in" to participate in the program.
- An Enrollment Packet must be completed and returned to school-based clinic by the student's legal guardian. The Enrollment Packet contains:
  - ⇒ Student Information Sheet
  - ⇒ Medical History
  - ⇒ Authorization to Bill Insurance
  - ⇒ Copy of Insurance Card(s)
  - ⇒ Lab and HIPPA consent form
  - ⇒ Telehealth consent and payment authorization form signed by the legal guardian



## How is an appointment with a Physician scheduled?

- Students are referred to the School Nurse following established school procedures.
- After referral, if the Nurse identifies the need for a doctor's appointment, the Nurse will contact the student's parent for permission to schedule a Physician appointment.
- The parents may also contact the School Nurse and request an appointment be made for the student.
- The student must be at school on the day of the scheduled appointment. However, a student may not attend or remain at school if a fever is present or if the medical issue is contagious.