

About Us



Cañon City Schools has partnered with Solvista Health and Valley-Wide Health Systems to bring a school-based health center to our community.

Thanks to overwhelming community support, Cañon City Schools, Solvista Health and Valley-Wide Health Systems have combined forces to offer school-based health services to students enrolled in Cañon City Schools and the staff that serves them. The Pulse will also be open to children of staff, and siblings of enrolled students, ages 0-5.

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Closed for lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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Resources

Safe2tell:
877-542-SAFE



Solvista Health 24/7 Crisis Line:
719-275-2351



Colorado Crisis Line:
844-493-8255 or
text TALK to 38255



Suicide Prevention Life Line:
800-273-8255 or
text HOME to 741741



Do you have questions about The Pulse, our new School-Based Health Center?

*The Pulse at Cañon City Middle School:
convenient healthcare for students and staff*

What services are provided at The Pulse?

Services may include:

- Physical exams (sports physicals)
- Vaccinations
- Minor injuries and illness
- Helping manage issues like asthma, allergies, and diabetes
- Talking with a mental health professional about: feelings of sadness, feelings of anxiety, behavioral concerns, trauma, substance use, thoughts of harm or suicide, family conflict, managing stress
- Prescriptions and medications
- Health and wellness education
- Reproductive health
- Referrals for other providers and clinics

What services are not available at The Pulse?

The Pulse does not and cannot provide:

- Abortion and Abortion Medications
- Gender Transition/Hormone Replacement Therapy

What is a school-based health center?

A school-based health center (SBHC) brings the healthcare provider into a school so students can avoid health related absences and receive the support they need to succeed in the classroom. SBHCs are staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of medical, dental, and mental health professionals.

Does the student need parental permission to receive services?

Sometimes. The student health center requires a parent or legal guardian to sign an unaccompanied minor form before their child may receive services in the center. However, by law, minors over the age of 12 can consent to certain services without their parent's approval, including treatment for sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing, contraceptive services, prenatal care, substance abuse and mental health services.

The Pulse takes the approach that the clinician, parents, and child should work together to resolve health problems, therefore the staff will promote strong family communication and make every effort to involve parents.

Does a parent need to be present for the student to receive services?

Parents are always welcome to be present and encouraged to participate in their child's care. However, as long as the parent or legal guardian has signed an unaccompanied minor form, he/she does not need to be present for students 12 years of age and above. Students under the age of 12 must have a parent present to receive services.

Will parents be informed when their child receives services?

Unless prohibited by law, The Pulse is required to inform parents about a student's visits to the health center.

What ages does The Pulse serve?

The Pulse will be open to all staff, children of staff, students, and family of students of all schools in the Cañon City School District.

How will my child get to The Pulse?

The parent or guardian will be responsible for transport unless the student attends Cañon City Middle School and the services take place during the school day.



How much will it cost for my child to receive services at The Pulse?

Copays for medical appointments are waived for both students and staff. Copays for Behavioral Health appointments are waived for students only.

Services will be provided on a sliding fee scale based on family income for those that have no insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid or CHP+.

No student will be refused services based on an inability to pay. To help sustain the student health center, a student's insurance may be billed. Sometimes insurance companies require the collection of deductibles for services provided and therefore, any applicable deductibles will be collected from the student's parent or guardian.