Denny International Middle School Wellness Center

Dear Families,

Did you know that your son or daughter can get health care at the Denny International Middle School Wellness Center? The health center, which is located in the school, is open during the school year to provide health care and mental health counseling. The health center is available to all Denny International Middle School scholars.

* Our services include immunizations, routine physicals, sports physicals, treatment for acute and chronic illness, asthma management, reproductive health care, and mental health counseling and referral.
* The staff is trained to understand and treat the special health care needs of middle-schoolers. Our team includes **Susan Rodgers**, the Nurse Practitioner; **Mindi Tambellini**, the Mental Health Counselor; and the Clinic Coordinator. All work closely with Jessica Ravitsky, the school nurse.
* Our goals are to provide early detection and treatment of illness, to encourage teens to live positive lives, to teach teens how to use health care systems effectively, and to encourage family communication around health issues. We work in partnership with teens, their families, and the school to support the academic success of the students at Denny.
* We are accessible every day that school is in session so scholars can be seen at a time that is convenient for their schedule. We offer phone, telehealth, and in person visits. Visits can be pre-scheduled or by drop-in. The following safety measures have been implemented:
* Prescreening for Covid-19 symptoms or exposures
* Limiting number of students in the clinic to allow for social distancing
* Masking and good hand hygiene
* Access to the school building is limited and extra cleaning protocols are in place
* The Teen Health Center is a partnership between Denny International Middle School, Seattle King County Public Health, and Kaiser Permanente. The program is funded in part by the voters of Seattle through the Families & Education Levy.

**To use these services, you must register your son/daughter in the health center by completing and signing the enclosed registration forms and returning them to the Wellness Center.** Our mailing address is 2601 SW Kenyon St., Seattle, WA. 98126. Copies of these forms can also be picked up and dropped off at the main office of the school. **If your teen has enrolled previously with NeighborCare Health, they will need to register with Public Health.**

Seattle is fortunate to have teen health centers located in many of the high schools and middle schools. If your SPS student does not have access to a clinic, please contact us, and we will try to help.

