



Morden Collegiate Health Clinic

Introduction

The Morden Collegiate Health Clinic is a cooperative partnership of the Western School Division, Southern Health-Santé Sud and Agassiz Medical Centre. It operates as a satellite clinic, an extension of the Agassiz Medical Centre and is staffed with a nurse practitioner (NP).

The NP serves over 525 students from the Morden Collegiate, working collaboratively with public health nurses, school counsellors, mental health workers and other allied health professionals. This partnership reduces barriers to care. By providing accessible care in school, health-related class absences are minimized.

Services

Services available to the students are similar to a medical clinic. The health clinic facilitates a range of basic health care services, which include:

- physicals and checkups
- treatment of minor/acute injuries and illnesses
- bloodwork and specimen collection
- diagnostic testing
- prescriptions and immunizations
- counselling for mental health
- reproductive health
- health education and disease prevention
- referrals to other health professionals or specialists

HOURS OF OPERATION

The health clinic is open:

Tuesdays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Morden Collegiate.

** During school closures, the clinic will operate from the Agassiz Medical Centre.*

APPOINTMENTS

Call the Agassiz Medical Centre at **T** 204-822-4474 or

Text 204-293-7802 to request an appointment.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring personal identification, such as a student ID, driver's license, or a Manitoba Health Card. If you are unable to bring identification, you can still be seen and should not refrain from booking an appointment. It is recommended that students bring a list of any medications they are currently taking.

LOCATION

The health clinic is located in the guidance office at the Morden Collegiate.

MISSING CLASS TIME

Students can access the health clinic without penalty for missing class time. Missing time will be accounted for in a manner consistent with other school related absences.



FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Who operates the school-based health clinic?

The health clinic is an extension of the Agassiz Medical Centre, who supports operations of the health clinic including supplies, equipment and Electronic Medical Records (EMR). A partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud and Agassiz Medical Centre allows for the staffing of the nurse practitioner (NP) and other health care professionals (such as public health nurses).

Is a Manitoba Health Card required for appointment or registration?

No. Students are not required to show a Manitoba Health Card. Other cards such as a driver's license or student ID card are acceptable forms of identification.

Will students have to pay for any clinic services?

No. The majority of services provided are covered by Manitoba Health. There are a few exceptions for non-insured services, such as a Driver's License Medical Exam.

Is parental permission required to access clinic services?

No. As is the case with a medical clinic, students are able to see a health care provider without parental permission. Certain services are only provided to those who can demonstrate the capacity to make informed decisions and who understand both the risks and benefits of their decisions. Dependent on the service provided, the health care provider may encourage the student to have discussions with their parents or guardians and may provide some coaching on how to have those conversations of a potentially sensitive nature. The health care provider can act as an advocate on behalf of the student when needed.

Will parents have the option of attending an appointment with their child?

If it is the student's wish to have a parent or friend present, the student may extend such an invitation. It is important to understand that this may impact how open the student may be in answering questions about their health and life.

Will parents be notified of clinic services provided to their child?

No. As per the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA), if the student is assessed by the Morden Collegiate Health Clinic to be mature and responsible for their

own personal health care, parents will not be notified of services provided. Students are encouraged to take personal responsibility, which may include encouraging them to share information with their parents or guardians if there would be benefit to the student in doing so.

Personal health information is kept confidential, unless the student makes claims to hurt themselves or hurt someone else. The health care provider has a legal obligation to report those situations to an appropriate authority.

Will the clinic work cooperatively with the student's family doctor/provider?

Yes. All health care providers will work cooperatively and collaboratively with the student's family doctor or primary care provider, if it is the student's wish that the health care provider do so.

For those students who do not have their own family doctor/provider, the NP can function as their primary care provider.

Will the NP have access to student's medical files from Agassiz Medical Centre?

Yes. The NP will have access to all previous and current medical files from Agassiz Medical Centre.

Are appointments kept confidential?

Yes. All appointments are kept confidential. If other health care providers are involved in the student's care, the health care providers share information that is on a "need to know" basis for a client-centred team approach to care.

School staff will not have access to medical health records or personal health information.

The security of health information collected and maintained by health care providers at the clinic is of great importance. Only those providing direct relevant care to the students may have access to health records.

Can students be referred to a primary care provider for follow-up?

Yes. The NP can provide a full range of primary care services at the clinic which includes regular follow-up. An NP can also refer to other primary care providers, including the family doctor, specialists or others, depending on the assessment, care and treatment plan.