



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Christiana High School / Glasgow High School / Newark High School

Dear Christina School District Secondary Parents/Guardians:

We would like to make you aware of expanded health services now available at Christina School District high schools, offered through the District's partnership with Christiana Care Health Services. The School-Based Health Centers (also called Wellness Centers) located at each of our high schools now offer reproductive health, and HIV testing and counseling services to young adults. These services will **ONLY** apply to those students whose parents/guardians have given written permission for them to access such services. Our goal is to provide a comprehensive array of services to young adults through our School-Based Health Centers, to support the health and well-being of our students.

These expanded services will include information about and access to oral contraception, Depo Provera injectable contraception, condoms, and HIV testing and counseling services. Questions and concerns regarding these services will be addressed by the School-Based Health Center staff and the District's medical vendor, Christiana Care Health Services.

Again, these OPTIONAL services will only be offered to students whose parents have signed a permission form stating that they are eligible. For more information about these services, and to download and print a permission form, please visit the school website where your child attends. Choose the Students tab, then choose School-Based Health Center. The paper form is also available to students at their School-Based Health Center.

<u>www.christianahs.org</u> – Christiana High School (reproductive health services Grades 9-12 only) <u>www.glasgowhs.org</u> – Glasgow High School <u>www.newarkhigh.org</u> – Newark High School

About the School-Based Health Centers:

Each School-Based Health Center (SBHC) provides comprehensive medical and mental health care, treatment and health education, to promote a healthy lifestyle. Each Center is operated by a partnership that includes Christiana Care, the Christiana School District, and the Delaware Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services. Christiana Care has been rated the No. 1 Quality Leader in the region by the National Research Corporation for the past two years. The SBHC's friendly staff work closely with health care providers, parents and school nurse to create a health care resource students can rely on and trust. If you have not yet found a health care provider, the SBHC can help you locate one, using the free services of Christiana Care's referral service. Partnership in high school health centers throughout Delaware is just one part of Christiana Care's mission to improve the health of the people living in the community.

Students who are under 18, must have their parent or guardian sign a consent form and complete a registration and health history form. Students who wish to access reproductive health and HIV testing/counseling services must also have written permission from parents/guardians. *Enrollment and permission forms must be returned to the School-Based Health Center before any services will be provided.*