

Emergency Room Or Urgent Care: Know When to Go Where

Welcome to DCHD's comprehensive guide on urgent care resources in Delaware County.

This page is dedicated to educating residents about the importance of utilizing urgent care facilities for non-emergency medical needs. Emergency rooms and urgent care centers both offer immediate medical attention but differ in the severity of the conditions they treat. By knowing when to skip the ER and head to an Urgent Care for health issues you can help alleviate the strain on our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and first responders, and ensure that community health benefits the most from their time and resources

IMPORTANT: People who are experiencing chest pains, severe bleeding, or symptoms of a stroke should call 911. It's crucial for paramedics to start treatment before a person gets to the emergency room. Symptoms of a stroke include sudden; numbness or weakness in one side of the body, confusion or trouble speaking, vision issues, and difficulty walking, or coordination can indicate a medical emergency.

Other situations in which people need to call an ambulance include but are not limited to choking, neck and spine injuries, traumatic accidents, including motor vehicle accidents, inhalation of smoke or other noxious fumes, overdose of drugs or alcohol, severe allergic reactions, severe gunshot wounds.

Costs

Urgent care centers are usually cheaper than emergency rooms and costs depend on insurance coverage. It is important to know that emergency rooms must evaluate everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Urgent care centers require immediate payment and may turn away those who cannot pay.

Urgent Care

Urgent care centers are for people who have an immediate, but not life-threatening, health issue that requires prompt treatment. Urgent care centers are not replacements for primary care doctors, but they can help people who need immediate medical attention and cannot get an appointment. Those with primary care doctors and non-life-threatening issues should seek an appointment with them first when office hours permit.

Urgent Care centers typically do not require appointments and are open for longer hours than most primary care doctors' offices including evenings and weekends. Patients often experience shorter wait times compared to emergency rooms and receive timely treatment without the extended delays experienced in ERs.

Most facilities treat everything from respiratory illnesses to animal bites, offer testing, and have X-ray machines and laboratories to analyze samples from blood or urine tests. Medical professionals at urgent care centers can also stitch up small wounds, place casts on fractured bones, provide intravenous fluids, and give immunizations.

Emergency Rooms

Emergency rooms are hospital departments where medical professionals treat sudden severe illnesses or injuries at any time. Emergency rooms are open around the clock and have specialized staff to handle any situation. They have access to all hospital resources, including surgical procedures, diagnostic tests, and specialists from different fields. This allows them to quickly assess and treat conditions like strokes, heart attacks, or serious injuries, providing immediate and critical care.

Locate an Urgent Care facility near you in Delaware County

Delaware County is home to numerous urgent care centers, conveniently located to serve you.

UC Facility	Address	Hours of Operation	Hospital Affiliation	Services and Treatments
AFC Urgent Care Aston	5024 Pennell Rd, Aston, PA 19014	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.afcurgentcare.com/aston/ (Click Services Tab)
AFC Urgent Care Havertown	115 W Eagle Rd, Havertown, PA 19083	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.afcurgentcare.com/havertown/ (Click Services Tab)
AFC Urgent Care Ridley	2623 E Macdade Blvd, Holmes, PA 19043	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.afcurgentcare.com/ridley/ (Click Services Tab)
Carbon Health Urgent Care Newtown Square	3532 West Chester Pike #20, Newtown Square, PA 19073	M-F = 9am – 8pm S, S = 9am – 5pm	N/A	https://carbonhealth.com/locations/newtown-square-pa-newtown-square-shopping-center (Click Services Tab)
CHOP Urgent Care,	819 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342	M-F = 2 – 8:30pm S, S = 10am – 8:30pm	Children's Hospital of	https://www.chop.edu/locations/urgent-

Brandywine Valley			Philadelphia on Civic Center Blvd.	care-brandywine-valley
Concentra Urgent Care	1017 4th Ave Suite 200 Suite 200, Essington, PA 19029	M-F = 8am – 5pm S, S = Closed	N/A	https://www.concentra.com/patients/urgent-care/services-provided/
Everest Urgent Care	2600 W 9th St Unit E1, Chester, PA 19013	M-F = 9am – 6:30pm Sat = 9 - 4:30pm Sun = 8:30am– 4:30pm	N/A	https://everesturgentcarepa.com/ (Click Services Tab)
Everest Urgent Care	6787 Market St #101, Upper Darby, PA 19082	M-F = 9am – 6:30pm Sat = 9 - 4:30pm Sun = 8:30am– 4:30pm	N/A	https://everesturgentcarepa.com/ (Click Services Tab)
Main Line Health Urgent Care– Broomall	1991 Sproul Road Main Line Health Broomall, Suite 130, Lower Level, Broomall, PA 19008	M-F = 9am – 9pm Sat = 9am – 4pm Sun = 9am – 2pm	Mainline Health System but nearest Lankenau Hospital	https://www.mainlinehealth.org/specialties/urgent-care#About
Main Line Health Urgent Care – Concordville	1020 Baltimore Pike Main Line Health Concordville, Suite 100, Glen Mills, PA 19342	M-F = 9am – 9pm Sat = 9am – 4pm Sun = 9am – 2pm	Mainline Health System but nearest Lankenau Hospital	https://www.mainlinehealth.org/specialties/urgent-care#About
MedExpress Urgent Care	4808 Edgmont Ave, Brookhaven, PA 19015	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 8pm	N/A	https://www.medexpress.com/location/pa/brookhaven/bkp/ (Click Services and Treatments Tab)
Patient First Primary and	417 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 8pm	N/A	https://www.patientfirst.co

Urgent Care – Springfield				m/services/urgent-care
Vybe Urgent Care	1305 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19083	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl
Vybe Urgent Care	213 Morton Ave, Folsom, PA 19033	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl
Vybe Urgent Care	599 Lancaster Ave, St Davids, PA 19087	M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm	N/A	https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl