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# Fort Worth ISD Parents,

Fort Worth ISD is excited to announce it has greatly enhanced access to medical care for all of its students through our partnership with Virtual Care for Kids (VCFK). We are bringing pediatricians to your school health room via telemedicine!

## What this does this means for your family?

Now your child can immediately be treated by a pediatrician or pediatric specialized provider when they aren't feeling well at school. This doctor's visit will take place right from the school nurses office on campus. Every day at campuses across the district students suffer through symptoms while they wait to for an appointment to be scheduled offsite, which can sometimes take days. The providers at Virtual Care for Kids are local Texas based and specialize in high quality medical care for children of all ages (up to 21).

## How does this service work?

### Step 1: Get Registered!

Parents or guardians must register their children during school registration or through the parent portal (<u>www.virtualcarekids.com/fwisd</u>) prior to this service being made available to your child.

## Step 2: See our Pediatricians and Pediatric Specialized Providers.

Once your child is registered, and they aren't feeling well during school hours, they can visit the school nurse's office as they normally would. From there they will be evaluated on demand by a pediatrician or pediatric specialized providers virtually in conjunction with the school nurse.

## **Step 3: Receive Care Immediately.**

The school nurse's office will be equipped with onsite tests such as strep and flu as well as over the counter medications such as fever reducers. This allows the VCFK providers to diagnose, treat the symptoms, and ultimately provide a treatment plan for your child including a prescription if needed.

## Step 4: Get Well Sooner!

If a prescription is needed, then it will be sent immediately and electronically to the pharmacy of the parent's or guardian's choosing where the they can quickly pick it up on the way to pick up their child. A visit summary can be provided to the parent or guardian as well as their primary pediatrician.

## What can be treated?

Your child can be treated for strep, flu, minor colds, sore throat, headaches, sinus or allergy issues, nosebleeds, pink eye, minor infections, lice, pinworms, rashes, styes, warts, constipation, diarrhea, heartburn, nausea, period pain, urine issues, yeast infections and other GI and urinary issues, minor cuts, minor burns, bites, and other minor injuries.



Fort Worth ISD and VCFK are committed to the health of every student and are excited to bring on demand board certified pediatricians and pediatric specialized providers to the district! With this partnership we are taking steps to ensure your child has every resource available to them to be healthy and active in school. This partnership expands access to care for all of the families in Fort Worth ISD and leaves no child left behind.

To sign up and for more information about VCFK please visit <u>www.virtualcarekids.com/fwisd</u>.

Sincerely,

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