



DHD#10 AND MASON COUNTY EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCE OPENING OF WELLNESS CENTER

November 9, 2021 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) in collaboration with the Mason County Eastern School District is pleased to announce the opening of the Mason County Eastern Wellness Center and invites community members to attend an open house from 5:00-7:00pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00pm on Thursday, November 11.

The Wellness Center provides health services such as medical and mental health services, health promotion and disease prevention education, and referral services to youth ages 5-21 years old who reside in or go to school in Mason County. These services are available to youth who are uninsured, under-insured, and those with public or private insurance coverage.

The Mason County Eastern Wellness Center staff began providing limited services in the summer of 2021 and has recently transitioned to full services once clinic renovations were complete. The clinic is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

"We are thrilled to be adding this Wellness Center for students in Mason County," said Katy Bies, Adolescent Health Manager for DHD#10. "Research demonstrates that School Based Health Centers often help increase test scores, reduce attendance problems, address behavioral problems, strengthen support services for at-risk students, decrease school violence and help schools meet increased immunization requirements."

If individuals have questions or would like to schedule an appointment at the Mason County Eastern Wellness Center, please call 231-674-5990.

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families America, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit <u>www.dhd10.org</u>.

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