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Health Department STD Clinic Goes To Appointment System

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s clinic for Sexually Transmitted Diseases is converting to an appointment system starting Feb. 1. Call (910) 433-3600 to make an appointment.

Currently, patients visit the STD clinic on a walk-in basis, said Amy Levy, a public health nursing supervisor at the department. The new system is designed to cut down on wait times.

“The appointment system will allow people to plan visits around their work and school schedules. It will also allow those who ride the bus to make arrangements to be at the Health Department based on the bus schedule,” Levy said. “The department will schedule an appointment within 24 hours, or one business day, of receiving your call.”

The STD clinic also offers evening hours on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. for free HIV and syphilis testing. Patients can also pick up their STD test results during these hours.

According to a 2011 Centers for Disease Control report, Cumberland County ranks first in the state for the number of gonorrhea cases, third for chlamydia, and fifth for HIV cases, Levy said. In addition to increasing clinic hours on Tuesday evening and converting to an appointment system, the Health Department is in the process of hiring more providers for the STD clinic.

The clinic provides services to anyone interested in screening, diagnosis, treatment and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. HIV/AIDS testing and counseling are free. Screening, treatment and counseling for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and other STDs are also free. All services are confidential and available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Although appointments are strongly encouraged, walk-ins will be accepted. Patients should note that wait time for walk-ins will be significantly longer.

For additional information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.

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