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**Swope Health Services starts mobile medical service in  
Fort Osage School District  
Uninsured families will have greater access to health care**

**Independence, Mo.** - Swope Health Services is expanding its health care services in Eastern Jackson County with a new mobile medical clinic that will serve families in the Fort Osage School District who do not have health insurance.

A ceremony marking the initiation of the new mobile medical clinic will be held Thursday, March 15 at 3 p.m. at Fort Osage High School, 2101 North Twyman Rd. The public is invited.

The mobile medical clinic, which began serving Fort Osage families in March, will meet many basic health care needs: common medical conditions, immunizations, wellness examinations for children and adults, and preventive health education and nutritional assessment. Swope Health Service will provide medical staff for the state-of-the-art mobile center.

The mobile medical clinic is equipped with two medical treatment rooms, laboratory, a rest room and is wheelchair accessible.

The mobile medical clinic will provide services on Monday and Thursdays at five different school locations in the school district.

On Mondays, the mobile medical clinic will be at one of four elementary schools – Blue Hills, Elm Grove, Cler-Mont and Buckner – from 4:30 to 9 p.m. On Thursdays, the mobile medical van will be at Fort Osage High School from 3 to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for the service

The new health services are a partnership among Swope Health Services, the Fort Osage School District and the Local Investment Commission (LINC). Primary funding to support the health services comes from a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. Funding for the Mobile Medical Clinic vehicle was provided by the Swope Health Foundation.

More information about services and the mobile medical clinic are available on the LINC website at [www.kclinc.org](http://www.kclinc.org)

# Background about the partners



## **Swope Health Service**

Swope Health Services provides primary health care, outreach and behavioral health services throughout the greater Kansas City area. Annually more than 40,000 patients are served through eight clinic and residential treatment locations. More than 90 percent of patients live below the poverty level. Swope has a clinic in Independence located at Independence and Forest that serves insured and uninsured families.

[www.swopehealth.org](http://www.swopehealth.org)



## **Fort Osage School District**

The Fort Osage School districts serves eastern Independence and rural communities in Jackson County. The district has 4,800 students and is growing. District patrons recently approved a bond issue that will fund construction of a fifth elementary school.

[www.fortosage.k12.mo.us](http://www.fortosage.k12.mo.us)



## **Local Investment Commission (LINC)**

LINC is a Kansas City-based non-profit whose works with low-income neighborhoods and families through its Caring Communities initiative. It has 60 Caring Communities sites in five school districts including Fort Osage. The Fort Osage Caring Communities sites include the four elementary schools being served by the mobile medical clinic.

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