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Clark County Health District announces opening of first school based health center

(Las Vegas, Nev., October 1, 2001) – The county’s first school based health center will officially open its doors on Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at Roy Martin Middle School, 2800 East Stewart Avenue. An open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the new facility.

The Clark County Health District received grant funds to open the center in collaboration with the Desert Sunrise 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. The school based health center will provide free, easily accessible health care to students of Desert Pines High School, Roy Martin Middle School and Sunrise Acres Elementary School. Services will only be available with parental consent.

“This is a first for our community,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the Clark County Health District.

“We feel that providing health care services to students allows the health district, as the county’s public health agency, to make a significant contribution to the educational process. We know that suffering from problems such as an illness, poor nutrition or a lack of exercise, can affect a child’s ability to learn. We also know that uninsured students are more likely to go without much needed medical care, which often results in more school absences when compared to students who do have medical insurance.”

The center will offer a wide range of free services including health education, first aid, minor emergency care, routine physicals and sports physicals, immunizations and chronic disease management. No sex education or family planning will be offered. Students may visit the center directly if parent permission is on record and parents will be notified of all visits. Health services will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, in accordance with the school district schedule, and on additional Saturday mornings for special clinics.

For more information contact the school based health center at 383-6179.

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