We are pleased to announce an exciting partnership between Polk Medical Center, the Floyd Primary Care Network and Polk School District that will enhance the already excellent care your student receives through Floyd's school nurse program.

We understand how difficult it can be to take time away from work to schedule an annual wellness visit. We want to make that process as easy for you as possible.

With that in mind, beginning in November, we will open a medical clinic that will serve students, faculty and staff in the Polk School District on a rotating basis. During the 2019-2020 school year, the clinic will rotate through Cedartown Middle School, Rockmart Middle School, Rockmart High School and Cedartown High School. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, we plan to rotate the clinic through each of the ten schools in the Polk School District. The clinic will operate at each school for approximately one month before moving to the next school.

Floyd Physician Assistant Staci Graves will lead the clinic. Dr. Lyndsay Claroni, a Floyd Primary Care physician, will provide medical supervision.

The primary focus of the clinic will be to offer scheduled wellness visits for students who do not currently have a family doctor. Mrs. Graves will also be able to see patients who our school nurse believes need to be treated immediately.

If you currently have a family doctor, we want you to continue to see them for treatment. If you do not, we believe this service will make it easier for you to make sure your student receives regular check-ups.

Attached to this letter, you'll find a patient information sheet. If you're interested in participating in this program, please fill it out and return it to the school. Once we receive the information sheet, someone will contact you to schedule an appointment for your student.

We are thankful for this opportunity to care for your family. Our goal is to be your connection to health-related information and resources and to partner with you on your overall wellness.

Sincerely,

Tifani Kinard
Administrator and Chief Nursing Officer
Polk Medical Center
FAQ

What's the purpose of the clinic?
We understand how tough it can be to take time away from work to make sure that your student has an annual wellness check-up. We want to make that process easier by bringing a medical provider to your student.

How much will the check-up cost?
Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance carriers are required to cover preventive wellness visits at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient so it's likely that there will be no cost to you. The same is true for Medicaid and PeachCare patients. If your student is not covered by insurance, let us know when we call to schedule the appointment and one of our representatives can discuss what options are available to you.

How do I schedule an appointment?
Once you have returned the patient information form to the school, someone from our scheduling department will contact you to obtain required consent and schedule an appointment for your student.

Do I need to be present during my student's appointment?
You do not have to be present during the wellness appointment as long as the proper consent forms have been signed and submitted to the school.

If the results from the visit are satisfactory, your student will be given a card indicating such. If there is a matter that requires follow-up, you will be contacted by phone. Results from the visit will also be available in our Primary Care Patient Portal found at www.floyd.org.

What if my student already has a doctor?
This clinic is only designed for those students who do not currently have a medical provider. If you already have a family doctor who sees your student, please continue to do so.

If my student gets sick at school, can they be treated in the clinic?
Our regular school nurse will continue to see patients who become ill while at school. If the nurse believes it necessary that the student see a medical provider, you will have the option of having them treated in the medical clinic.

Do I need to be present during my student’s appointment?
You do not have to be present during the wellness appointment as long as the proper consent forms have been signed and submitted to the school. Following the appointment, you will be contacted and provided a summary of the visit.

Results from the visit will also be available in our Primary Care Patient Portal found at www.floyd.org

Meet the Provider

Staci Graves, PA-C
Mrs. Graves, a native of Rome, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry from Shorter College and a Master of Medical Science degree from Mercer University in Atlanta. Before coming to Floyd, Mrs. Graves worked as a physician assistant in Canton, Ga.