

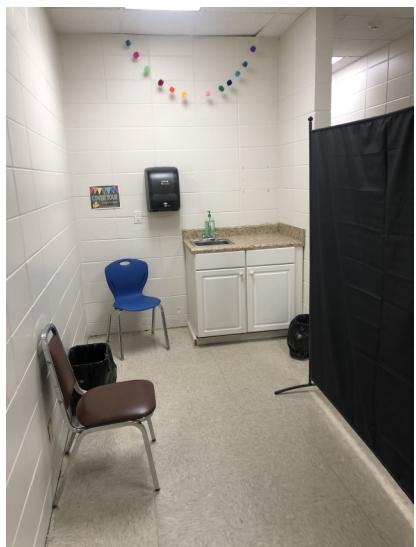
KDS Nurses Work to Keep Students Safe

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated an entirely new normal for students, faculty, and staff at KDS DAR School. An area that has required major changes is the KDS health clinics. This year the student health program expanded to include two separate clinics, and special care is taken to make sure that students who visit the clinics are immediately screened to determine whether or not they are showing symptoms of a contagious nature.



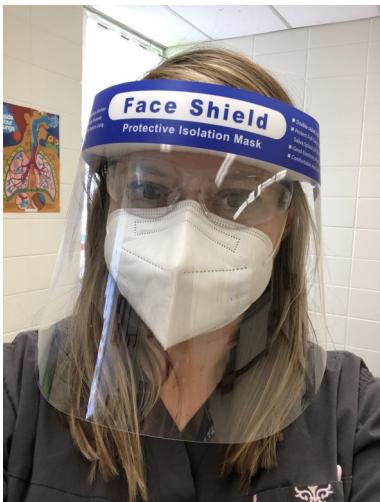
When a student enters one of the health clinics, they go directly into the triage area to be assessed. Those who are being seen for a playground injury, headache, diabetes check, scheduled medication, or other non-contagious issue are sent into the well room. Any student who shows symptoms that are COVID-like in nature or appear to be contagious, is taken to the isolation room next door to wait for their parents to be contacted.

All clinic rooms have air purifiers with virus elimination capabilities, and every room is thoroughly sanitized between students. Separate vital sign equipment is used for students in the isolation room and those in the well room.



One of the clinic isolation rooms

This area in the well room provides bean bags for students without contagious symptoms to lay down if needed. The bean bags are made of material that is easily sanitized.



Nurse Beth Barnes is shown here with the mask and face shield that she wears in the triage area and the isolation room. She wears just the N95 mask when she is working with students in the well room.



This area in the well room is provided for a place that diabetics can use to calculate their carbs for meals and also store their snacks and extra supplies.