



St. Elizabeth opens Independence walk-in clinic

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St. Elizabeth Healthcare has opened an Express Care clinic in Independence – part of the health system’s growing network of walk-in clinics.

The new center, located at 135 Courthouse Crossing, offers a range of health care services without an appointment and is open seven days a week. Paul Hemmer Co. built the new office, which also includes a new primary care office.

The center is staffed by nurse practitioners who can treat and assess patients for minor medical issues, including ear aches and cold and flu symptoms, similar to the services provided by walk-in clinics within retail pharmacies. The new clinic accepts the major commercial insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid, and offers self-pay rates.

In August, St. Elizabeth announced it had acquired three Hometown Urgent Care centers in Northern Kentucky, which joined the health system’s Express Care location in Highland Heights.

St. Elizabeth’s Urgent Care Centers are staffed by physicians with services that include x-rays, stitches, and care for other minor injuries that are not life threatening, but require medical attention on the same day. Conditions treated include cold or flu symptoms, ear ache, fever, foreign objects in the eye or nose, migraines, minor burns or bruises, minor fractures, poison ivy and other rashes, scrapes or minor cuts, sore throat, strains and sprains, and conditions that require radiology and lab testing services.

St. Elizabeth has said it expects to add a fourth Urgent Care location in Ft. Thomas some time this year.

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