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**Some clinic services unavailable May 20-22 for staff training**  
*New electronic medical record will help manage clinic operations,  
public health reporting*

**(Lawrence, KS)** – The Health Department will close some clinic services for three days beginning on May 20 as clinic staff will undergo training on using a new electronic medical record system.

The closing at the clinic, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence, affects:

- Nursing clinic services such as pregnancy testing, immunizations and travel immunizations, tuberculosis testing and birth control methods.
- STD testing and treatment, as well as HIV testing and tests for vaginal infections.
- Women’s health services, including annual exams, Pap tests, breast checks, IUD removals and diaphragm fittings.

The clinic’s Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, Nutrition services will remain open those days, as will the Heartland Community Health Center clinic that operates out of the Health Department’s location.

“We are glad to offer WIC services those days and walk-in services via the Heartland staff,” said Linda Craig, Director of Clinical Services. “We are asking clients who might utilize other services to plan ahead for those three days and for their patience until we re-open full clinic services on May 23.”

In addition, due to the transition to the new system, the clinic will not be able to offer [Tuberculosis, or TB, testing](#) from May 16 through May 24, said Clinic Supervisor Kathy Colson.

Craig said the new EMR system will give the Health Department the ability to standardize its electronic medical records among clinic services, its Environmental Health services and Healthy Families Douglas County. The new system will allow for more robust public health reporting, more efficient revenue-cycle management and better inventory tracking.

“All of these changes are in line with a continuing effort to improve patient and client experience,” Craig said.

**About the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department**

The nationally-accredited Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department has served the

Lawrence and Douglas County community for more than 120 years. Its mission is to advance policies, practices and programs that promote health for all, prevent disease and protect the environment.

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