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## **MCHC Announces Extended Hours and Urgent Care in the Clinic**

**Madelia, Minn.** – The Clinic at the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) will be extending their hours of service on Mondays, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting in January. Tuesday through Friday, the Clinic hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We recognize that many of our patients work, and several commute to their jobs out of town,” said Clinic Manager, Cindy Lehman. “The new Monday hours will give them the flexibility to schedule appointments before or after work.”

MCHC will also be taking urgent care appointments in the Clinic during the day. Often patients can just walk into the Clinic, and be seen with little to no wait.

“This is an opportunity for people to meet our providers and to possibly facilitate a primary care relationship with one of them,” said Lehman. “If you don’t have a primary care provider or are considering changing, all of our Clinic providers are currently accepting new patients.”

In general, urgent care should be used as a supplement to primary care and not as a replacement. It is important to see a provider that knows your history and can help you manage your health long term. Urgent care should be used for non-emergency situations that are not related to a chronic or long term condition like: abdominal pain, ear aches, cold/flu/fever, sore throats, nausea or vomiting, headaches, diarrhea, minor cuts/lacerations. Of course, in an emergency, the MCHC emergency room is always available, day or night.

The clinic at MCHC cares for people of all ages, providing urgent care, employer health services, basic wellness and prevention services. More advanced services including X-rays, IVs, labs, minor surgery, stitches and treatment for broken bones, sprains and strains can be facilitated through the Clinic. Specialists from the Mankato Clinic and the New Ulm Medical Center schedule appointments in Madelia regularly. For employers, MCHC offers employer health services that include workers’ compensation, injury care, pre and ongoing employment screenings, physicals and regulatory exams. Basic wellness and prevention services include sports physicals, routine physicals and immunizations to help residents maintain good health.

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### **About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic**

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of medical professionals that are committed to providing health care of the highest standards to patients in the Madelia area. As a 25-bed acute care hospital, we offer all of the primary health services: Laboratory, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Home Care, Emergency Room/Urgent Care, and Surgical Care. Our attached family medical clinic also provides care for patients in all the seasons of their life. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care industry, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.



Providers at the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic pictured left to right: Dr. Marc Wilkinson; Katy Eisenmenger-Fuentes, PA-C; Pat Fahey Bacon, FNP; and Cameron Ryer, FNP.