



WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT, USF TEAMING TO TREAT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES**

JOLIET – The Will County Health Department is joining forces with University of St. Francis health professionals to provide a new community resource for sexually transmitted disease (STD) treatment, and education.

Beginning June 30, personnel representing both institutions will collaborate to staff a new STD clinic in Joliet. The new clinic resource will offer STD diagnosis, treatment, and educational counseling twice weekly. Services will be available by appointment each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Thursday, from 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., at the USF Health and Wellness Center in Joliet (311 N. Ottawa St.).

To schedule an appointment for the new USF Health and Wellness Center STD Clinic, telephone 815-774-9037. Insurance, self-pay, and Public Aid clients are accepted.

“This new collaboration represents a significant commitment designed to address a growing community problem,” according to Will County Health Department Executive Director John J. Cicero. “Statistics tell us that approximately half of the current U.S. population will acquire an STD at some point, and one in four teens will be infected during any given year. Those are sobering numbers, and they illustrate the necessity for an additional community resource.”

STD services are also available at the Health Department’s Will County Community Health Center in Joliet (1106 Neal Ave). The Community Health Center is accessible six days weekly by appointment.

To schedule an appointment for any Community Health Center primary care service, telephone 815-727-8670.

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