# Emergency Room Or Urgent Care: Know When to Go Where

*Welcome to DCHD's comprehensive guide on urgent care resources in Delaware County.*

This page is dedicated to educating residents about the importance of utilizing urgent care facilities for non-emergency medical needs. Emergency rooms and urgent care centers both offer immediate medical attention but differ in the severity of the conditions they treat. By choosing Urgent Care for non-emergency health issues, you can help reduce the burden on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and first responders, ensuring their time and resources are directed toward those in critical need, ultimately benefiting the health of the entire community.

<span style="color:red">**IMPORTANT**: People who are experiencing chest pains, severe bleeding, or symptoms of a stroke should call 911. It's crucial for paramedics to start treatment before a person gets to the emergency room. Symptoms of a stroke include sudden numbness or weakness in one side of the body, confusion or trouble speaking, vision issues, difficulty walking, or a lack of coordination, and indicate a medical emergency.</span>

<span style="color:red">Other situations in which people need to call an ambulance include but are not limited to choking, neck and spine injuries, traumatic accidents, including motor vehicle accidents, inhalation of smoke or other noxious fumes, overdose of drugs or alcohol, severe allergic reactions, and gunshot wounds.</span>

## Costs

Urgent care centers are usually cheaper than emergency rooms, but the cost you pay will depend on your insurance coverage.

Emergency rooms must evaluate and stabilize every patient regardless of their ability to pay, which means that even if you have no insurance, you will receive treatment for serious medical conditions at an emergency room.  If you don't have insurance, however, the hospital will bill you directly after you receive stabilizing treatment, and that cost may be high.

Urgent care centers, on the other hand, can require immediate payment from patients, and may turn away those who cannot pay.

### Urgent Care

Urgent care centers are for people who have an immediate, but not life-threatening, health issue that requires prompt treatment. Urgent care centers are not replacements for primary care doctors, but they can help people who need immediate medical attention and cannot get an appointment. Those with primary care doctors and non-life-threatening issues should seek an appointment with them when office hours permit.

Urgent care centers typically do not require appointments and are open for longer hours than most primary care doctors' offices including evenings and weekends. Patients often experience

shorter wait times compared to emergency rooms and receive timely treatment without the extended delays experienced in ERs.

Most urgent care facilities treat a wide variety of serious but non-emergent illnesses and injuries, offer testing, and have X-ray machines and laboratories to analyze blood or urine samples. Medical professionals at urgent care centers can also often stitch up small wounds, place casts on fractured bones, provide intravenous fluids, and give immunizations. If you aren't certain what treatments are offered at a local urgent care facility, you can call ahead and inquire or, in some cases, check their website.

**Emergency Rooms**

Emergency rooms are hospital departments where medical professionals treat sudden severe illnesses or injuries at any time. Emergency rooms are open around the clock. They have quick access to the resources of the hospital in which they are located, which means that at many hospitals they can quickly get an ER patient needed surgical procedures, diagnostic tests, and specialist evaluations. This allows them to quickly assess and treat conditions like strokes, heart attacks, or serious injuries, providing immediate and critical care.

## Locate an Urgent Care facility near you in Delaware County

Delaware County is home to numerous urgent care centers, conveniently located to serve you.

| UC Facility | Address | Hours of Operation | Hospital Affiliation | Services and Treatments |
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| People's Choice Urgent Care | 8510 Lansdowne Ave, Upper Darby Township, PA 19082 | M-F = 9am-7pm Sat. 9am-4pm Sun. 10am-3pm | | https://www.peopleschoiceeuc.com/ |
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| AFC Urgent Care Aston | 5024 Pennell Rd, Aston, PA 19014 | M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.afcurgentcare.com/aston/ (Click Services Tab) |
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| AFC Urgent Care Havertown | 115 W Eagle Rd, Havertown, PA 19083 | M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.afcurgentcare.com/havertown/ (Click Services Tab) |
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| AFC Urgent Care Ridley | 2623 E Macdade Blvd, Holmes, PA 19043 | M-F = 8am – 8pm S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.afcurgentcare.com/ridley/ (Click Services Tab) |

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| Carbon Health Urgent Care Newtown Square | 3532 West Chester Pike #20, Newtown Square, PA 19073 | M-F = 9am – 8pm<br>S, S = 9am – 5pm | N/A | https://carbonhealth.com/locations/newtown-square-pa-newtown-square-shopping-center<br>(Click Services Tab) |
| CHOP Urgent Care, Brandywine Valley | 819 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342 | M-F = 2 – 8:30pm<br>S, S =10am – 8:30pm | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on Civic Center Blvd. | https://www.chop.edu/locations/urgent-care-brandywine-valley |
| Concentra Urgent Care | 1017 4th Ave Suite 200 Suite 200, Essington, PA 19029 | M-F = 8am – 5pm<br>S, S = Closed | N/A | https://www.concentra.com/patients/urgent-care/services-provided/ |
| Everest Urgent Care | 2600 W 9th St Unit E1, Chester, PA 19013 | M-F = 9am – 6:30pm<br>Sat = 9 - 4:30pm<br>Sun = 8:30am–4:30pm | N/A | https://everesturgentcarepa.com/<br>(Click Services Tab) |
| Everest Urgent Care | 6787 Market St #101, Upper Darby, PA 19082 | M-F = 9am – 6:30pm<br>Sat = 9 - 4:30pm<br>Sun = 8:30am–4:30pm | N/A | https://everesturgentcarepa.com/<br>(Click Services Tab) |
| Main Line Health Urgent Care– Broomall | 1991 Sproul Road Main Line Health Broomall, Suite 130, Lower Level, Broomall, PA 19008 | M-F = 9am – 9pm<br>Sat = 9am – 4pm<br>Sun = 9am – 2pm | Mainline Health System but nearest Lankenau Hospital | https://www.mainlinehealth.org/specialties/urgent-care#About |
| Main Line Health Urgent | 1020 Baltimore Pike Main Line Health | M-F = 9am – 9pm<br>Sat = 9am – 4pm<br>Sun = 9am – 2pm | Mainline Health System | https://www.mainlinehealth.org/specialt |

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| Care – Concordville | Concordville, Suite 100, Glen Mills, PA 19342 | | but nearest Lankenau Hospital | ies/urgent-care#About |
| MedExpress Urgent Care | 4808 Edgmont Ave, Brookhaven, PA 19015 | M-F = 8am – 8pm<br>S, S = 8am – 8pm | N/A | https://www.medexpress.com/location/pa/brookhaven/bkp/<br>(Click Services and Treatments Tab) |
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| Patient First Primary and Urgent Care – Springfield | 417 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064 | M-F = 8am – 8pm<br>S, S = 8am – 8pm | N/A | https://www.patientfirst.com/services/urgent-care |
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| Vybe Urgent Care | 1305 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19 9083 | M-F = 8am – 8pm<br>S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl |
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| Vybe Urgent Care | 213 Morton Ave, Folsom, PA 19033 | M-F = 8am – 8pm<br>S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl |
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| Vybe Urgent Care | 599 Lancaster Ave, St Davids, PA 19087 | M-F = 8am – 8pm<br>S, S = 8am – 5pm | N/A | https://www.vybe.care/services/#Illnesses-lbl |
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