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### **Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard Opens Its Doors**

*Children's Mercy offers urgent care hours seven days a week, 365 days a year at new Urgent Care Center in Overland Park*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 5, 2012** – On Monday, January 9, Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard, 5520 College Boulevard, Suite 130, Overland Park, Kan., begins seeing patients.

Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard provides care for children with minor injuries or illnesses that are not considered life threatening, but require prompt attention. Typical conditions seen in urgent care may include abdominal complaints, allergic reactions, minor cuts and burns, respiratory conditions, simple fractures, strains and sprains, seasonal illnesses, and uncomplicated skin rashes and lesions.

Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard provides lab testing including X-ray, rapid strep, mono, influenza, and RSV, as well as glucose, hemoglobin, and urinalysis. Patients requiring additional services may be referred to the pediatric emergency departments at Children's Mercy South, 5808 W. 110<sup>th</sup>, in Overland Park, or our Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and Emergency Department at Children's Mercy Hospital, 2401 Gillham Rd., in Kansas City, Mo.

Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard is open Noon to 10 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Since 1993, Children's Mercy South provided after-hours or urgent care services. Since a major expansion in 2004, Children's Mercy South clinics and urgent care volume have remained near full capacity. In fiscal year 2005 the Children's Mercy South Urgent Care Center handled about 33,000 patient visits. In fiscal year 2011, the center handled more than 52,000 patient visits.

In October 2011, Children's Mercy converted its Urgent Care Center to the Tom Watson Emergency Department, the only full-time pediatric emergency service provider in the state of Kansas. Now, with the opening of the new Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard, residents have access to Children's Mercy full range of pediatric services.

In addition to the Children's Mercy Urgent Care College Boulevard, Children's Mercy also has five other locations throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area that provide pediatric specialty care, urgent care, and support services.

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Our main campus, **Children's Mercy Hospital** and Hall Family Outpatient Center, has the only advanced Level IIIc neonatal intensive care unit in the region, nationally recognized pediatric specialists and surgeons, and the region's only level I pediatric trauma center; **Children's Mercy Clinics on Broadway**, provides specialty clinics; **Children's Mercy Northland** providing specialty clinics and urgent care; **Children's Mercy South** provides inpatient care, emergency care, specialty clinics and surgery; and **Children's Mercy West/The Cordell Meeks Jr. Clinic** is a primary care clinic for children from birth to age 18.

### **About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics**

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than 40 subspecialties are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit [childrensmercy.org](http://childrensmercy.org) or download our mobile phone app *CMH4YOU* for all phone types. For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

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