A GUIDE TO

Urgent Care  VS  Emergency

More than half of visits to the emergency room are for non-emergencies. How do parents know when to bring their child to a pediatric urgent care clinic or a pediatric emergency room? This guide can help.

Conditions usually seen in an urgent care clinic:
- Flu/COVID-19 Test
- Allergic reaction
- Asthma
- Cough, cold or congestion
- Ear pain
- Fever in infants older than 8 weeks
- Minor burn
- Minor injury from fall or sport
- Pink eye
- Rash
- Simple laceration
- Skin infection
- Sore throat
- Sprain and strain
- Urinary tract infection
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Conditions usually seen in an emergency room:
- Broken bones (with deformity)
- Bleeding that won’t stop
- Extensive or complicated cut or laceration
- Fainting or head injury with loss of consciousness or disorientation
- Fever in infants younger than 8 weeks
- Loss or change of vision
- Procedure requiring a CT scan or sedation
- Seizure without a previous diagnosis of epilepsy
- Serious burn
- Snake bite
- Spinal injury
- Sudden change in mental state
- Sudden shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting or coughing up blood

Please note that this flyer is meant to be a guide and is for informational purposes only. The content is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. If you are not sure if your child needs urgent or emergency care, go to the closest emergency room or call 9-1-1.
Texas Children’s Urgent Care Locations
When your pediatrician is unavailable on evenings and weekends, we have 10 convenient locations in the greater Houston area to serve you.

1. The Woodlands
   17600 Interstate 45 S.
   Ste. WL285
   The Woodlands, TX 77384
   936-267-6100
   *Hours: Open Daily
   11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

2. The Vintage
   10420 Louetta Rd.
   Ste. 104
   Houston, TX 77070
   281-251-0269

3. Fairfield
   28070 Highway 290
   Ste. 100
   Cypress, TX 77433
   281-758-4770

4. West Campus
   18200 Katy Fwy.
   Ste. WD-200
   Houston, TX 77094
   832-227-2880
   *Hours: Open Daily
   11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

5. Cinco Ranch
   9727 Spring Green Blvd.
   Ste. 900
   Katy, TX 77494
   281-789-6300

6. Main Campus
   6621 Fannin St.
   Ste. AB 2240
   Houston, TX 77030
   832-824-2000
   *Hours: Open Daily
   11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

7. The Heights
   2200 Yale St.
   Ste. 110
   Houston, TX 77008
   713-861-6104

8. Pearland
   2701 Pearland Pkwy.
   Ste. 190
   Pearland, TX 77581
   281-485-6400

9. East
   12620 Woodforest Blvd.
   Ste. 160
   Houston, TX 77015
   713-637-8228

10. Kingwood
    20031 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.
    Ste. 200
    Kingwood, TX 77346
    281-812-1704

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