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Welcome, Rome Parents, Teachers and Students!



In this season of gratitude, the care team at Atrium Health Floyd extends our appreciation to you, the families who trust us to walk alongside you to help your children stay as healthy as possible.

Atrium Health Floyd is very involved with the Rome City Schools as a part of our partnership. We view our school relationships as a key way that we can enhance and deliver on our mission “to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing for all.”

As part of our partnership, we have:

- Provided two Certified Athletic Trainers for high school athletes
- Supplied EMS services at events
- Managed the school nurses at elementary, middle and high schools
- Implemented Virtual Care options at schools.

Also, we have established a full-service, primary care clinic, located at the College and Career Academy on the Rome High School campus. Clinic visits are covered by most health care payers and it is available to you, your family members, faculty and staff. You can learn more about the clinic by [clicking this link](#) or visiting floyd.org/romeschoolclinic. You also can [watch this video](#) about the clinic.

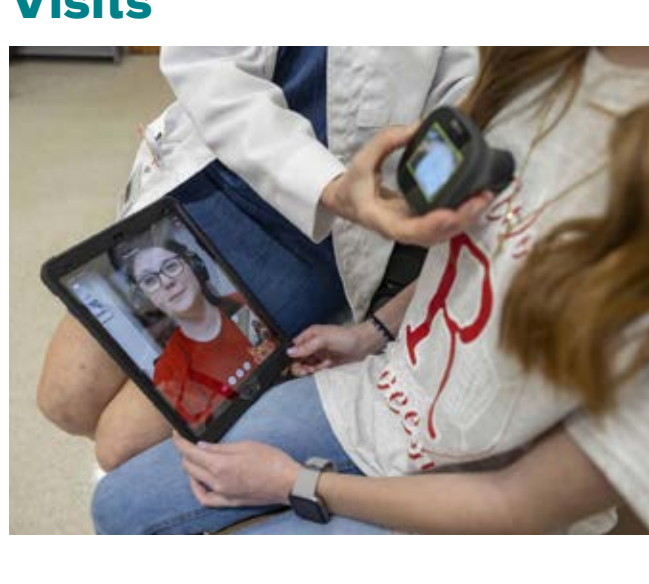
Atrium Health Floyd also is invested financially in Rome City Schools to support and enhance student services. As part of our agreement, Rome City Schools families will benefit from a range of Atrium Health Floyd services, programs and resources that will enhance access to medical care and health and safety initiatives, and better prepare students for future health care careers.

As you read on and in future issues of this newsletter, you’ll learn more about our partnerships with schools and the great team that cares for the health and well-being of your student.

Your health – and the health of your family – is important to us. That’s why we have worked with your superintendent, Dr. Eric Holland, and why the system has named Atrium Health Floyd as the official health care provider for Rome City Schools.

I’m looking forward to an exciting school year during which, together, we make great things happen.

Coming to a School Near You: Virtual Provider Visits



Atrium Health Floyd is bringing provider-based care to your school. Our virtual care program directly connects our school nurses to a primary care provider office.

It is currently available at every Rome City Schools location. The technology gives those providers the ability to look directly into a student or teacher’s mouth or ears, listen to their hearts and observe respiration.

That’s great news for parents and administrators because it means students don’t have to be checked out of school if they tell they nurse they are sick. The nurse can initiate a virtual care visit, and the remote provider can diagnose the condition, advise whether the student or teacher should remain at school and prescribe medicine to the patient’s pharmacy. Virtual care visits are covered by insurance.

That translates to fewer missed days for students and less missed work for parents and teachers.

Atrium Health Floyd soon will have the virtual care option available to students in 37 schools in Rome, Floyd County and Polk County. [Click this link](#) or visit floyd.org/school to learn more about our school-based virtual care program.

Meet Staci Graves, Rome High Clinic Provider



Staci Graves, PA-C, is a native of Floyd County. She is certified by the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants. Graves has worked in both family medicine and internal medicine. She holds certifications in cryotherapy and joint injections.

Staci is eager to provide medical care to students, faculty and staff in Rome City Schools through the Atrium Health Floyd Rome High School Clinic because it provides an opportunity to increase access to quality health care, as well as recognizes any care gaps that may exist. [Watch this video](#) to learn more about Staci.

What Does Official Health Care Provider Mean?

As the Official Health Care Provider for Rome City Schools, Atrium Health Floyd is invested in your students, staff, faculty and their families.

Atrium Health Floyd and Rome City Schools have partnered to provide the following services and opportunities:

- School nurses at every elementary school
- Virtual Care Clinic capability at every school
- Certified athletic trainer at Rome High School
- Primary care clinic located at Rome College and Career Academy
- Rise to Success and REACH scholarships with work opportunities for Rome High School students
- Career education to Rome College and Career Academy students
- Emergency Medical Services at sports events
- EpiPens for elementary school students
- Automated electronic defibrillators (AEDs) at every Rome City school
- Title sponsorship funds, pre-contributed, for all school sports, activities and events

Meet Chad Wilson, Rome High School’s Atrium Health Floyd Certified Athletic Trainer



Chad Wilson is a Rome High School graduate and passionate fan of the Wolves. He’s also passionate about ensuring student athletes are prepared and healthy to play. And, should the need arise at a game, Chad is right there on the sidelines, ready to jump into action. [Watch this quick video about Chad.](#)

Atrium Health Floyd Helping Students Rise to Success



Fifteen area high school graduates are seeking their associate degrees with the financial help of Atrium Health Floyd through the Rise to Success program.

Atrium Health Floyd will pay their tuition, books and fees up front as the students work toward a degree in a health care field. The students will have up to three years to earn their degree. Meanwhile they will be working part time for Atrium Health Floyd in various capacities as they also attend school.

Most of the students will be attending Georgia Highlands College or Georgia Northwestern Technical College. Upon graduation they will be asked to serve at least one year with Atrium Health Floyd. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center is an ACS-Verified Level II Trauma Center



Patients from northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama can rest assured that quality trauma care is available when it is needed.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has verified Atrium Health Floyd as a Level II Trauma Center. This recognition is in addition to the state of Georgia’s Level II Trauma Center designation for the hospital. Atrium Health Floyd is one of only

eight ACS-verified trauma centers in Georgia. [Follow this link to learn more.](#)

ACS-verified Level II Trauma Centers:

- Provide initial definitive trauma care for a wide range of injuries and injury severity.
- Include 24-hour immediate coverage by general surgeons.
- Include 24-hour coverage by orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology and critical care.
- Provide trauma prevention and continuing education programs for staff.
- Incorporate a comprehensive quality assessment program.
- May take on additional responsibilities in the region related to education, system leadership and disaster planning. Atrium Health Floyd is the Region C Coordinating Hospital in the event of a disaster or mass casualty event. Region C is made up of seven counties: Floyd, Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Coweta, Haralson and Polk counties.

Atrium Health Floyd is the only Level II Trauma Center serving nearly 650,000 lives in a 16-county region including Floyd, Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker and Whitfield counties.