

SEPTEMBER 2021

THE PATIENT PRESCRIPTION 

Your Health Begins Here

HopeHealth on Pine Needles Opens Sept. 7



HopeHealth on Pine Needles Road in Florence

[Dr. Krista Kozacki](#), [Sydney Murphy](#), physician assistant, and family nurse practitioner [Tim Weaver](#) will begin seeing patients in our newest Florence location next week.

Visit hope-health.org/news for the latest updates.

Advocacy in Action National Health Center Week 2021 Wraps Up

In August, Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed Aug. 8-15 as S.C. National Health Center Week and HopeHealth kicked off the week with proclamations from the Florence City Council and the Lake City City Council echoing the state-wide proclamation. A proclamation was also made in Orangeburg.

This year, HopeHealth held a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at our Greeleyville location as part of NHCW celebrations and hosted guests from North Central Family Medicine, who visited our facilities to see how we provide services, and elected officials at various sites.

Staff also shared images on social media as part of our annual Advocacy Wednesday drive to bring awareness about the importance of community health centers. Check out more photos of our activities on the HopeHealth [Facebook page!](#)

What you can do to help community health centers

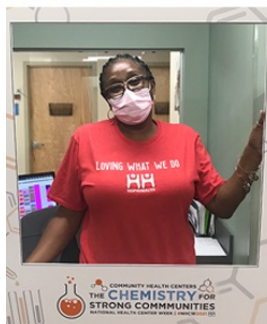
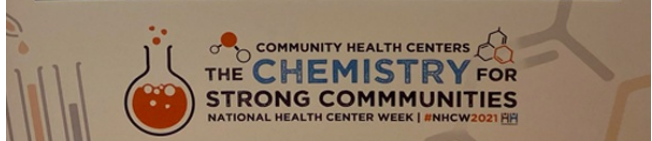
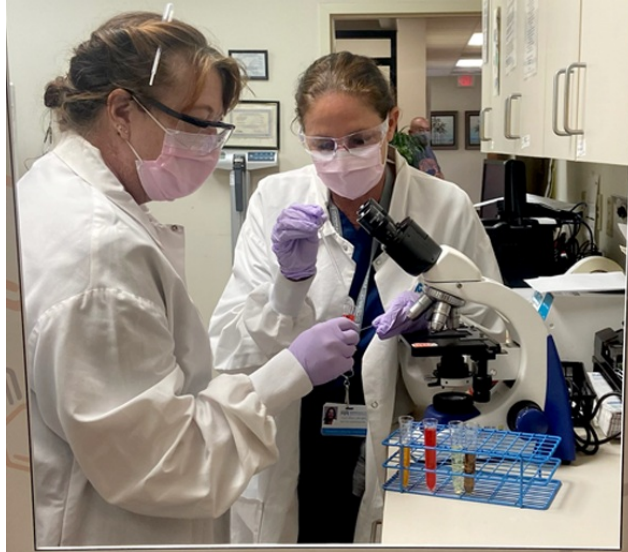
Sign up to be an advocate

Being an advocate means helping us let elected officials know you value community health centers and the bills that impact them. If you haven't signed up already, visit hcadvocacy.org today and sign up. It only takes a few moments! Don't forget to select HopeHealth as your community health center.

Take action when asked

Watch for action emails from the Health Center Advocacy Network and TAKE ACTION! These emails let you know what bills are important to community health centers and provide an easy way to contact your elected official. They often come from grassroots@nachc.org - so check your junk folder, and make sure you don't miss the next one.

You can also send a personalized letter to your members of Congress and give your specific reasons why it's essential to invest in community health centers - hcadvocacy.org makes it very easy to contact your officials.



COVID-19 Updates & Reminders

Visitor Policy

Only one caregiver may accompany patients to an appointment.

Masks

Masks must be worn by anyone entering HopeHealth facilities. Masks should cover the nose and mouth.



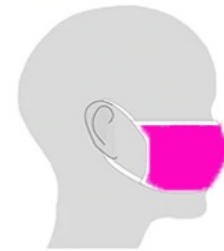
DON'T

wear your mask
below your nose



DON'T

wear your mask
low on your nose



DON'T

leave your chin
exposed



DON'T

wear your mask
under your chin or
temporarily remove
it in public



DON'T

let your mask hang
loosely with gaps
around your face



DO

wear your mask up
to the top of your nose
and under your chin;
snug and without gaps

Testing

Due to increasing demand for COVID-19 testing, HopeHealth has added more testing times to our schedule. Testing at HopeHealth is available by appointment to HopeHealth patients only. If you think you may have COVID-19, do not come into your provider's office. Instead, call your [provider's office](#) to schedule a testing appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 16 and older! The Pfizer vaccine is available at various community

locations for anyone age 12 and up. Vaccine locations can be found at [S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control](#). HopeHealth only offers the Moderna vaccine for those 18 years and up.

COVID-19 vaccinations are provided by appointment only. Call your [provider's office](#) to schedule your vaccine.

Vaccine Boosters

HopeHealth offers vaccination boosters during COVID-19 vaccine clinics for patients with a qualifying immunocompromising condition and provider's approval. It is preferred that the booster is the same vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna, as given with the first two doses. **HopeHealth can not provide boosters to those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.** There must be at least four weeks between a second dose of mRNA vaccine and the booster.

Qualifying Conditions

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and taking immune system suppression medications
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or taking immune system suppression medications
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency such as DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Untreated or advanced HIV infection (CD4 Count <200)
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response

Visit [CDC.gov](#) for more information regarding vaccines for severely immunocompromised individuals.

VACCINE LOCATOR

Welcome to our Newest Providers



Amanda Coker Burnette, MD

Primary Care Services
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in
Florence



David Garrell, MD, FACP

Primary Care Services
HopeHealth in Orangeburg



Debbie Garrison, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Access Hope
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in
Florence



Caitlin Jordan,
MSPAS, PA-C
Primary Care Services
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in
Florence



Veronica Ridpath, DO
Behavioral Health Services
Psychiatry
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in
Florence



Padigar Shyamanand
Tantry, MD
Endocrinology
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in
Florence

Accessing Care From Home

HopeHealth offers a secure Patient Portal for those who wish to participate in telehealth services using a smartphone or computer. Visit hope-health.org/televisit for more information.

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