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LAMAR, Colo. — Lamar Community College is pleased to announce its renewed partnership with High Plains Community Health Center to once again provide health services for students and employees through a convenient on-campus location in the College's Wellness Center.

Following a brief period during which on-campus services were unavailable, the leadership teams at Lamar Community College and High Plains Community Health Center worked collaboratively to reestablish this important partnership. Their shared commitment to increasing access to quality healthcare has resulted in the return of these vital services, benefiting LCC students and employees. "We are excited to welcome High Plains Community Health Center to Lamar Community College and to house these services right here on our campus," said Dr. Formon Thompson, Vice President for Student Services and Success. "This partnership allows us to support our students and staff. Access to health-related services plays an important role in student persistence, wellness, and completion, and we are proud to strengthen that support through this collaboration."

This partnership reflects Lamar Community College's continued commitment to supporting student success, employee well-being, and the overall health of the region. By bringing High Plains Community Health Center back to campus, LCC is expanding access to essential healthcare services in a familiar, student-centered environment while strengthening a partnership that serves the interests of the entire community.

"Our greatest progress as a community is achieved when organizations embrace collaboration and unite around a shared mission that places people above individual interests" said Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of Lamar Community College. "I am deeply appreciative of the collaborative spirit demonstrated by the leadership at High Plains Community Health Center in working with us to restore these services on our campus. Together, we recognized that this partnership is about far more than two organizations. It is about removing barriers to care, improving the health and well-being of our students, employees, families, and neighbors, and strengthening the communities we serve."

Lamar Community College is home to one of the largest concentrations of students and employees in southeast Colorado each day. By establishing a presence on campus, High Plains Community Health Center is able to bring healthcare directly to where people learn, work, and gather, expanding its reach while making healthcare more convenient and accessible for those who need it most.

Services offered through High Plains Community Health Center will include same-day care, preventive care, physicals, lab services, women's health, and sports medicine. These Services are available to LCC students as part of their student fee. Employees will have access to services for an annual staff fee of \$35. The fee covers the first visit for students and staff members' insurance will be billed as a regular visit/Co-pay. Services are scheduled to begin August 25, 2026, and will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with more /extended hours to come based on need. Students and staff can also access these same services at High Plains main site all other days of the week.

To celebrate the renewed partnership, High Plains Community Health Center is sponsoring LCC annual Welcome Back Bash BBQ on August 19, 2026. The event will feature music, food, and activities for students and staff as we celebrate the beginning of the new academic year and the return of on-campus healthcare services.

About Lamar Community College

Lamar Community College enriches lives through learning by providing accessible, high-quality educational opportunities that support students, families, and communities throughout southeast Colorado.