

# CareSouth Carolina offering walk-in & appointments for COVID-19 vaccine



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## CareSouth Carolina celebrates one-year anniversary of Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

CareSouth Carolina celebrates the one-year anniversary of Monoclonal Antibody IV Therapy infusions at its Hartsville Suite B office.

CareSouth Carolina began giving Monoclonal Antibody IV Therapy (mAB) treatments at its Hartsville Suite B office on January 27, 2021 and since that point has provided more than 7,889 infusions.

The goal of this therapy is to decrease hospitalizations & emergency room visits due to symptoms of COVID-19 and to prevent the patient from progressing to severe disease. This treatment is also used to prevent potential long-term damage from COVID-19. CareSouth Carolina Hartsville Provider Jennifer Lynch, FNP-C, who oversees the mAB team, said the group has worked hard to make a difference in the community and are thankful for the opportunity to play an important role in fighting COVID-19.

"The monoclonal team at CareSouth may be small, but for the past year, we have made some great strides in outpatient treatment therapeutics for patients who are positive for COVID-19," Lynch said. "As we reflect on the last year and the patients we have treated with monoclonal antibody infusion we are continually thankful for this opportunity and our role in treating COVID-19 patients. We are proud that we are one of the largest clinics in the countries that provides this type of outpatient treatment. We will continue to follow the latest evidence-based research and bring our patients the most effective and safest treatment therapeutics for COVID-19. The therapy is an hour-long IV infusion that has been developed for the treatment and prophylaxis of viral infections, like COVID-19."

## DON'T WAIT VACCINATE! Protect Yourself, Protect Your Family.

# CHILDREN COVID VACCINE & BOOSTER INFORMATION

Currently Pfizer-BioNTech is  
the only vaccine authorized  
for 5 to 17.

Children ages 15 or Under  
needs Parental Consent.



Available at No Cost - Do Not Have to be a Patient

Appointment Only

Bishopville Center  
545 Sumter Highway  
803.484.5317  
Monday - Friday

Hartsville Pediatric Center  
1268 S. Fourth Street  
843.332.3422  
Tuesday & Wednesday Only

Latta Center  
122 Lattimer Street  
843.627.6352  
Monday - Friday



## February is American Heart Month



One person dies every 48 seconds in the United States from heart disease. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Americans. One in four deaths are caused by heart disease and it accounts for more than 640,000 deaths every year.

The good news? Heart disease is largely preventable and can be avoided by living a healthy lifestyle, managing proper nutrition and identifying problems before they start.

In February, communities around the U.S. will celebrate American Heart Month, which will bring awareness and education about cardiovascular diseases and how to prevent them.

If you are suffering from any heart-related symptoms or want more information on how to prevent or treat heart disease, please talk to your primary care provider.

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Hartsville • Society Hill • Bennettsville • Bishopville • Cheraw • Chesterfield • Dillon • Lake View • Latta • McColl

### PHARMACY LOCATIONS:

Hartsville • Society Hill • Bennettsville • Bishopville • Cheraw • Latta • McColl • Chesterfield

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Please join with us at CareSouth Carolina as we honor and celebrate Black History Month.

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

This year's theme for Black History Month, "Black Health and Wellness", takes a look at how American healthcare has often underserved the African-American community.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has recently shown, a widespread disparity of access to quality healthcare negatively impacts outcomes for blacks and other minorities.

Beginning with slavery, a lack of economic opportunity often put medical care out of reach for many African-Americans. As a matter of fact, it was only into the 20th century when Black America was given a better shot at institutional health care. That's when the US government threatened to withhold Medicare payments to "Whites Only" medical institutions and -- almost overnight -- hospitals were desegregated. The year was 1964 with the passage of the Civil Rights Act. Today, the US continues to lag behind the rest of the world in providing affordable medical care for a majority of its citizens.

CareSouth Carolina has been working to address access to care and racial disparities for more than 40 years and we recognize that there is still work to do.

## CareSouth Carolina welcomes newest provider in Chesterfield

CareSouth Carolina welcomes Dana Steen, FNP-C, as the newest provider at the Chesterfield Center. Steen, a Pee Dee native, said she was drawn to CareSouth Carolina because of the organization's dedication to patient-centered care.

"The patient-based quality-centered care is really what stood out to me," Steen said. "I had worked with Dr. [Stephen] Smith (CSC Chief Medical Officer) before, but had no idea all the things we do for patients. The whole reason I became a nurse practitioner is because I'm passionate about making sure that patients receive proper care."



Dana Steen, FNP-C

Steen can be seen at CareSouth Carolina's new Chesterfield Center. The new 17,000-square foot state-of-the-art facility opened in early 2021, illustrating CareSouth Carolina's commitment to the community for the long-term. This new facility, which is located at 204 Perry Wiley Way, more than quadruples CareSouth Carolina's capacity to provide services to Chesterfield county and its surrounding areas.

"I love the fact that we have so many services that we can offer all in one office," Steen said. "Having these services in-house is huge for continuity of care. I believe in treating the 'whole patient' and that means every aspect of their life is important."

Outside of work, Steen said she most enjoys spending time with her family. She has four children and two grandchildren.

## CareSouth Carolina welcomes newest provider in Bishopville

CareSouth Carolina welcomes Joe Reynolds, AGNP-C, as the newest provider at our Bishopville Center.

Reynolds, who worked as an RN in CareSouth Carolina's IV Therapy Department in Hartsville for the past four years, said the organization was a perfect fit because of his desire to serve the community.

"CareSouth Carolina exemplifies the true meaning of being a "community-centered" health care facility," Reynolds said. "I have a deep admiration for how everyone within this company has made a collective effort to improve the overall health status of the underserved populations that are in desperate need of people who not only possess the necessary skill-set and tools to be of service, but also the mercy and compassion to heal those who would continue to suffer if someone did not decide to provide a place for them to be treated not only as patients but as a valued part of our community."

Reynolds said more than anything he wants to provide a relaxed environment for his patients.

"I really want to create a relaxed atmosphere for my patients," Reynolds said. "For me, patience and active listening are essential to discovering a possible solution to a patients' health concerns. Therefore, I intend to give each patient my undivided attention so that I can help them reach their health goals. To every patient - I am looking forward to us working together so that we can achieve the best possible outcomes for you."

Outside of work, Reynolds enjoys spending time with his family including two girls. He also enjoys watching Boxing, UFC and playing Chess.



Joe Reynolds, AGNP-C