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Appointments at area walk-in clinics available online

2 Penn State Health sites in county have implemented scheduling through website

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Patients at two Penn State Health walk-in clinics in Lancaster County can now schedule appointments online.

People can visit pennstatehealth.org/checkin to schedule appointments using the service InQuicker, the health system announced Wednesday.

Online appointment scheduling is available at Penn State Health Lime Spring Outpatient Center in East Hempfield Township and Penn State Health Children's Lancaster Pediatric Center in Manheim Township.

It's also available at Penn State Health Exeter Outpatient Center, a walk-in clinic in Exeter Township, Berks County, and Penn State Health urgent care clinics in Camp Hill and Carlisle, Cumberland County; and Maiden Creek Township, Muhlenberg, and Strausstown, Berks County.

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Walk-in clinics treat patients for minor injuries and illnesses like cuts, minor burns, sprains, joint pain and upper respiratory infections.

They don't provide routine health maintenance services like physical exams or prescription refills.

The check-in tool is designed to filter certain symptom keywords that may indicate a life-threatening or debilitating medical condition.

The system will prompt people who indicate having such symptoms to call 911 or go immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room.