

Southgate revitalization: Keystone Health's new facility opens soon

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- Keystone Health's new community health center, located at Southgate Shopping Center, will open July 1 and offer a range of services.
- The center will house new locations of Keystone urgent care, pharmacy, dental, family medicine, and behavioral health services, and it will be the new home of Keystone Community Health Services.
- The facility will also be the home of Keystone's Family Medicine Residency Program, a partnership with WellSpan Health aimed at addressing the shortage of medical providers in the area.
- The health center is the first completed project in the borough's plan to revitalize the Southgate Shopping Center, which will include a mixed-use neighborhood with businesses, housing, and green spaces.

The [first project](#) completed in the effort to revitalize Chambersburg's Southgate Shopping Center will open July 1.

Keystone Health's community health center at 133 W. Catherine St. [will house a wide range of essential services](#) and increase access to comprehensive health care, according to a news release from the Franklin County healthcare organization.

“This new location represents a significant step forward in our commitment to making high-quality, affordable healthcare accessible to everyone in our community,” said Joanne Cochran, president and CEO of Keystone Health, in the news release. “We are excited to welcome patients to this beautiful facility and look forward to celebrating with the community.”

Known as the Keystone Catherine Street Center, the facility will host additional locations of Keystone's urgent care, pharmacy, dental care and family medicine practice. A Keystone Behavioral Health office will also be on site, with a walk-in option.

It will also be the new home of Keystone Community Health Services, which is currently located on Chambers Hill Drive off Fifth Avenue. The office provides

STD testing and treatment, HIV testing, family planning services, infectious disease services and screenings for breast and cervical cancers.

Keystone's Family Medicine Residency Program will be based at the new health center. In addition to an academic curriculum, residents will complete clinical rotations with Keystone physicians and providers at both Keystone and WellSpan facilities.

WellSpan Health and Keystone developed the residency program with the aim of healing problems attracting medical providers to the community. The program overall will build up to 18 residents over a period of three years, with a third of participants working at Keystone, Public Opinion previously reported. Keystone will host two residents the first year, four the second year and six the third year.



Keystone Health's Catherine Street Center, 133 W. Catherine St., Chambersburg, houses urgent care, a pharmacy, a family medicine practice, a dental practice, a behavioral health office with walk-in service and is the new location of Keystone Community Health Services. It is pictured here on June 25, 2025. *Amber South/Public Opinion*

What is the Southgate revitalization project?

The Keystone Catherine Street Center stands at the south end of Southgate Shopping Center. The building that last housed Gold's Gym was demolished two years ago to make room for the facility.

The health center is the first completed project in the Borough of Chambersburg's goal to transform the long-struggling shopping center into a mixed-use neighborhood with businesses, restaurants and other commercial spaces along with affordable housing and green spaces.

Earlier in June, Chambersburg Borough Council approved a resolution to rename the roadway along the front of the shopping center as Cedar Street. Cedar Street and Water Street, which runs parallel on the other side of the parking lot, are set to be ripped up as part of a [major project to update the stormwater infrastructure](#).

The plan calls for Water Street to be closed permanently and be replaced by a "linear park" running alongside the Chambersburg Rail Trail. In addition, about 1.5 acres in the northwest corner of Southgate is being developed into a park area.

Borough Council in April 2022 executed a sales agreement that allowed Chambersburg Area Municipal Authority, a volunteer board that works with the borough on economic development projects, to buy the 14-acre Southgate property in two phases. Through a leaseback agreement, the borough will manage the property until it is sold in pieces to developers. The municipal authority took over the leases of tenants and collects rent, which it remits to the borough.

The borough allotted \$4.1 million in funding received via the pandemic-era American Rescue Plan Act to purchase Southgate. No local tax dollars were used.

The release of federal funds allowed the borough to push forward with long-stagnant efforts to revitalize the shopping center, which was a popular shopping destination in the 1970s and '80s but went downhill as shopping habits changed, stores moved out and mismanagement crept in.

Most recently, the largest tenant, Big Lots, [closed its doors after the company declared bankruptcy](#).

Keystone plans events to celebrate new health center

Residents are invited to a community block party on July 19. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the event will feature free food, live music, children's entertainment, community health resources and giveaways.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned at 5:30 p.m. July 17. Keystone leadership and local officials will make remarks.

For more information about the services offered at the Keystone Catherine Street Center, check out keystonehealth.org.

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