



Thundermist South County Pediatrics

Thundermist is expanding access to health care in South County. On September 1, 2022, Thundermist Health Center will acquire South County Pediatrics in Narragansett. The site will be known as Thundermist South County Pediatrics.

What is Thundermist?

Thundermist Health Center is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center, serving three communities — Woonsocket, West Warwick, and South County — for 50 years. Thundermist is a patient-centered medical home providing primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, and social services.

I'm a patient at South County Pediatrics. Do I need to do anything to become a Thundermist patient?

No, you will already be a Thundermist South County Pediatric patient starting on September 1, 2022.

Will there be any changes to where I bring my child or who I call to make an appointment?

Not at all! Thundermist South County Pediatrics will remain at 360 Kingstown Road in Narragansett. The phone number will remain the same too, you can call (401) 789-6492 for an appointment. Your child's care and experience will not change.

Who will be my child's primary care provider?

There will be a team of three skilled care providers with decades of experience caring for children.

Tina Butler, CPNP, is already a pediatric nurse practitioner at South County Pediatrics and is excited to continue to care for your family.

Abram Collard, MD has been a pediatrician for nearly ten years. He also served in the United States Air Force prior to becoming a pediatrician.

Laura Chaviano Chong, MD is a pediatrician who loves working with children and helping parents. She is interested in preventive care. She is fluent in Spanish and has working knowledge of Portuguese.



Dr. Abram Collard



Tina Butler, CPNP



Dr. Laura Chaviano Chong

What do I do if I already have a scheduled appointment with my child's primary care provider?

There will be no lapse in your care. All follow-up appointments will be honored. If your appointment was scheduled with Dr. Chronley or Dr. Spaight after August 31, we will give you a call first.

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Will there be familiar faces at Thundermist South County Pediatrics?

Yes! Tina Butler, CPNP will be a part of the new care team. In addition, many South County Pediatrics employees will remain after September 1. We'll also be hiring additional team members to make your care and experience even better.

What about Dr. Chronley and Dr. Spaight?

Dr. David Chronley is retiring on August 31 after decades of service to the South County community. He chose Thundermist Health Center to lead his practice into the future. Dr. Deborah Spaight will also retire from primary care on August 31. Thundermist is proud to expand its commitment to the community. Our goal is to ensure everyone in South County has access to medical, behavioral health, and dental services.

What will it be like to be a Thundermist patient?

Our South County patients have the benefit of being part of a small medical site with a hometown feel while also taking advantage of the services offered by an integrated, full-service, state-of-the-art health center.

Thundermist offers medical, dental, behavioral health, and social services. Our care is integrated, which means the entire care team is working together to meet your unique health care needs. Adults can get care at our health center at 1 River Street, Wakefield.

You will also have access to Convenient Care (currently ages two and up), our walk-in medical service that is open 365 days per year. We also have providers on call for all ages. We're here when you need us.

Who should I talk to if I have more questions?

The team that leads our South County primary care practice at 1 River Street will also oversee Thundermist South County Pediatrics. Medical Director Christopher Klaus, MD, Practice Manager Whitney Derby, and Nurse Director David Byrd, RN, have decades of experience serving the patients of South County. If you have more questions, please call (401) 783-0523 ext. 1450.

