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**Columbia Valley Community Health's Annual Back to School Health Fair**

*Free backpacks and school supplies for school-aged children*

Monday, July 25, 2016: **Wenatchee, WA:** [Columbia Valley Community Health](#) (CVCH) is holding its annual [Back to School Health Fair](#) on **Saturday, August 6** from 9am – 12pm in the parking lot of its Wenatchee clinic, located at 600 Orondo Ave. CVCH will provide 1,000 free backpacks to students entering grades K – 12. Children must be present to receive a backpack.

All are welcome to attend this free, family event which celebrates [National Health Center Week](#) (August 7 – 13, 2016), a national campaign meant to raise awareness about America's Health Centers. Once students receive their backpack, they can cross Alaska Street to the playground of Columbia Elementary, where there will be free school supplies, interactive games, and education about CVCH programs and other community resources.

School supplies are provided by funding from the [North Central ESD Educational Foundation](#) and the NCESD staff fund. Support for this year's event comes from athenahealth and Molina Health Care. For more information about the Back to School Health Fair, contact [Kirsten Myers](#) at 509.662.6000 x1148 or visit [CVCH.org/BTSHF](#).

**About Columbia Valley Community Health**

[Columbia Valley Community Health](#) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to everyone in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Their mission is to provide access to improved health and wellness with compassion and respect for all. Established in 1972, CVCH is now an industry leader and was the first in the Pacific Northwest to achieve the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home certification. CVCH serves over 26,000 patients a year between all of its departments and locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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