

Emergency Department or Urgent Care?

Know before you go! **Up to 90% of Emergency Department visits could also be handled at a Urgent Care.** Use this guide to decide which type of care is best for you.

Emergency



Life-threatening injuries/illnesses
For all ages
Open 24/7

\$1,000+
average cost

Staffed by St. Alexius physicians who specialize in emergency medicine and staff who are trained for emergency cases.

- Heart attack/stroke
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Rapid/irregular heart rate
- Weakness/numbness face, arm, extremities
- Difficulty speaking
- Change in vision
- Serious allergic reactions
- Throat closing sensation
- Tongue, lip, facial swelling
- Shortness of breath
- Abdominal pain/symptoms
- Constant vomiting/vomiting blood
- Blood in stool
- Lightheaded/passing out
- Fever and abdominal pain
- Serious infections
- Pneumonia
- Meningitis
- Large skin infections
- Suspected poisoning
- Suicidal thoughts or attempt
- Severe depression/anxiety

Urgent Care



Everyday illnesses/injuries
For age 3 months+
Walk-in starting at 8am (hours vary by location)

\$150+
average cost

Staffed by St. Alexius providers who specialize in prompt, high-quality care when your primary provider is not available.

- Minor injuries
- Minor fractures
- Sprains, strains and sports injuries
- Cuts
- Minor burns
- Eye abrasions
- Infections
- Colds, flu, cough
- Sinusitis
- Sore throat
- Ear infection
- Bronchitis
- Urinary tract infection
- Pink eye
- Vomiting, diarrhea
- Minor skin infections
- Allergic reaction
- Bug bites
- Hives
- Sports, school and camp physicals
- Flu symptoms

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Heart attack symptoms (chest pain, left arm or jaw pain, sudden weakness or dizziness) • Stroke signs (numbness, slurred speech, severe headache, weakness on one side of face, loss of consciousness) • Life or limb-threatening injury • Danger to yourself or others

**CALL
911**

