

BROADCAST-Virtual urgent care might be your best option this summer

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The 4th of July holiday means summer is in full swing along with vacations and outdoor fun, but also some common illnesses and injuries. Virtual urgent care is an option that can keep you out of an emergency room or even a walk-in clinic.

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Kate Barth of OSF OnCall says virtual urgent care is great option for after-hours.

“It’s the mom with multiple children who are sleeping and (she thinks) ‘I have a sick kiddo who I cannot console and what do I do?’ Seeking out virtual urgent care in those options is such a great opportunity to connect with a provider who typically would serve you in that urgent care setting.” (:15)

On vacation, you can still connect with an OSF provider from your hotel or campsite as long as you have WiFi or hotspot connection.

If someone is having a health emergency such as breathing difficulties, Barth urges go to the nearest emergency department or call 911.