

SCHERTZ CIBOLO

EMERGENCY CLINIC

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The Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic is a free-standing emergency clinic open 7 days a week 24 hours a day. We provide medical treatment for minor, moderate and major medical emergencies for all ages. We offer the services of a traditional hospital-based ER – just without the extended wait times.

Schertz Cibolo Emergency Center is currently working towards being a pioneer for reducing its carbon emissions in the free-standing emergency industry for decarbonization. By reducing carbon emissions, we hope to be an example for other free-standing emergency centers as well as other healthcare facilities.

After learning that the healthcare industry is one the major leaders in the USA for carbon emissions, we conducted a full inventory emissions report that we are still in the process of evaluating to see where at every turn we can continue to reduce our emissions.

Next, we are planning to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide by reducing energy use and increasing energy efficiency, switching to renewable energy, reducing waste, reducing personal transportation emissions, buying carbon offsets to offset electricity and gas use and transportation, including air travel, as well as monitoring the carbon footprint of suppliers. We have already taken initial steps of reducing our carbon emissions by shifting towards energy efficiency technology. In this regard, all florescent lightbulbs have been replaced to LED lightbulbs. We are making sure all vehicles for the facility are electric vehicles and encouraging all staff to also pursue energy-efficient vehicles.



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As part of our efforts, we are also going to raise awareness about the potential threat of climate change to the health and well-being of future generations and developing ways to reduce this threat through behavior change. As an organization and individuals, we should disinvest in carbon intensive and environmentally destructive activities and industries. This is in order to make sure that our financial investments are not contributing to the threat.

Sincerely,

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