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**City of Milwaukee Health Department Southside Health Center to Join Doors Open Milwaukee**  
*Former Southview Isolation Hospital to be on display September 19*

MILWAUKEE – On Saturday, Sept. 19, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will participate in the Historic Milwaukee Inc.’s annual Doors Open Milwaukee event for the first time, opening its [Southside Health Center](#) (1639 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located on Milwaukee’s south side, the location of Southside Health Center was first developed in the late 1800s for the quarantine of communicable diseases such as smallpox and tuberculosis. The building that now houses the majority of the MHD’s public health nurses and hosts weekly clinic services was built in 1912, and was then known as Southview Isolation Hospital.

Today, ward rooms that once housed quarantined patients and porches that provided “open-air treatment” to those with tuberculosis serve new functions, but historic architectural details (and rumors of ghostly visitors) remain.

Doors Open visitors are invited to walk the health center’s floors for a chance to see public health’s past and the MHD’s important work today.

*For more information on the history (and ghost stories) of Southside Health Center, see <http://onmilwaukee.com/buzz/articles/isolationhospital.html>.*

*For more information on Doors Open Milwaukee, visit [www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org](http://www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org).*

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