



MEMORANDUM

TO: Decatur County students and parents
FROM: Decatur County Memorial Hospital's Immunization Clinic
RE: 2020-2021 School Vaccinations
DATE: April 28, 2020

The Indiana State Department of Health is requiring all students grades K-12 to be up to date with immunizations prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

New this year is the requirement of two doses of Hepatitis A for all students. Hepatitis A vaccination was not part of routine childhood vaccination schedules until 1999 (now done prior to age 2). Many of our middle school and high school students are lacking one or both of the two dose series. Students beginning kindergarten, sixth grade, and seniors have immunizations due at these milestones, in addition to the students who still need Hepatitis A vaccinations.

Each year there is a huge rush just prior to school opening to complete these requirements. Due to the need to institute social distancing in order to reduce the spread of infection, we are not having first-come, first-served clinics for the foreseeable future as we have done in years prior. Instead, we have re-opened the Immunization Clinic – **for appointment only.**

We are happy to review your child's immunization record to determine what immunizations your child is needing prior to the start of school. We can then schedule an appointment for you and your child to come to the clinic for administration. **Please call 812-222-0422.** An immunization specialist is available to answer your call every Tuesday from noon to 6 pm and Wednesday from 7 am to 3 pm. You can also leave a message at any time – please include your child's full name, date of birth, and a good phone number to be able to return your call.

Please address immunization needs now to ensure your child has the required vaccinations prior to the start of school. We are limited to a certain number of appointments per clinic day to ensure we are practicing safe social distancing and allowing appropriate cleaning procedures between each patient.

We offer all vaccine types for newborns to minors under 19 years old who are commercially insured, Medicaid insured, insured in a state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (Anthem, AmBetter, Managed Health Services, MDwise, or CareSource), enrolled in a Health Care Sharing Ministry (i.e. MediShare, Liberty Healthshare, HealthShare Altrua, Christian Healthcare Ministries, Solidarity Healthshare, etc.), or without insurance. We bill insurances and offer free vaccine for those who qualify through the national Vaccines for Children program (VFC). We also offer all adult vaccines that can be administered as self-pay or billed to insurance.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing your mask-covered smiling faces!

- Jennifer Baltus – nurse, clinic supervisor
- Linda McMinn – nurse
- Deidre Morlan – nurse
- Marietta Hagerty – clinic coordinator

Please call 812-222-0422 for an appointment!





DCMH Immunization Clinic

Immunization Schedule – Newborns to Minors under 19 years

Influenza vaccine every year around October.	Birth	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	4 to 6 years	11-12 years	16-18 years
Hepatitis B	✓									
Pediarix (Hep B, DTaP, IPV)		✓	✓	✓						
Prevnar13 (PCV 13)		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Rotarix (oral vaccine)		✓	✓							
PedVax Hib		✓	✓			✓				
MMR					✓					
Varicella					✓					
Hepatitis A					✓		✓			
DTaP						✓				
Kinrix (DTaP, IPV)								✓		
MMRV								✓		
Menactra (MCV4)									✓	✓
Tdap									✓	
HPV9									✓	✓
Bexsero (MenB)										✓ x 2

Immunization schedules are tailored to fit each child’s needs at each appointment. Catch-up schedules are developed based on current guidelines. Please speak with one of our immunization specialists to determine your child’s needs – 812-222-0422.