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SCC HEALTH OFFERS SCHOOL-REQUIRED VACCINATIONS TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS

St. Charles County, Missouri – To help parents and students meet immunization requirements for school attendance, the St. Charles County Division of Public Health’s Immunization Clinic will schedule vaccinations on an appointment basis or offer “Walk-In Days” in July for qualifying students in various county public school districts. Through the Vaccines For Children program, these shots are offered at no charge.

Vaccinations provided by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment are offered in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Those eligible to participate in the Vaccines For Children program are children who: have no health insurance; are covered by Medicaid; are Native American or Alaskan Native; or have health insurance that does not cover immunizations. All those who have health insurance that includes immunizations are instructed to consult with their medical provider.

Vaccinations are offered on an appointment basis at the health department facility (located at 1650 Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles) every weekday except Thursday. Hours are 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. — with extended hours until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 636-949-1857.

In addition to these scheduled appointments, the Immunization Clinic will offer “Walk-In Days” that are open to students from specific districts. The dates are:

- Francis Howell School District – Tuesday, July 17 (8:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)
- Fort Zumwalt School District – Friday, July 20 (8:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)
- Wentzville School District – Tuesday, July 24 (8:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)
- Orchard Farm School District – Wednesday, July 25 (8:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)
- St. Charles School District – Wednesday, July 25 (8:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)

The state of Missouri requires all children to be up-to-date on required immunizations. A list of Missouri’s vaccination requirements is available at http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/schoolrequirements.php.

Students who have recently moved into St. Charles County should check with their family medical provider or the health department to find out if their shots are current. Parents with college-age children should review the school’s specific immunization requirements.

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