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Spring Schedule for School-Based Immunization Clinics Announced

LIBERTY, Mo. – February 24, 2020 – This spring, Clay County Public Health Center will offer an easier way to access immunization services. From March through May, the health center’s qualified nurses will visit 18 Clay County middle and high schools, giving required and recommended immunizations to students whose parents have registered in advance.

Students 11-14 and 16-18 years old are eligible to participate in the program. Parents and guardians must [register](#) their child at least one week before health center staff is scheduled to visit and use the online form to indicate which immunizations they would like their child to receive. More information, including the full schedule, can be found at clayhealth.com/immunizations.

The goal of the school-based clinics is to reduce the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases by simplifying the process of receiving immunizations. However, the clinics also make it easier for school nurses to get their students compliant with state requirements, reduces the wait times at the health center during back-to-school season and prevents parents from having to take off work to take their children to get immunized.

“Many parents wait until July or August to take their child to get the immunizations they need for school,” said Jason Stalling, section chief of Community Health Promotion at Clay County Public Health Center. “By reaching kids at school throughout the fall and spring semesters, these clinics make the entire process easier for students, parents, school nurses and our own staff.”

Clay County Public Health Center’s school-based immunizations clinics began in 2017 and have since administered immunizations to 3,085 children through the program.

About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population-based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit clayhealth.com.

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The mission of the Clay County Public Health Center is to deliver the essential public health services of prevention, promotion and protection to the communities of Clay County.