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NCDHD to host back-to-school immunization event

Will have special hours to focus on childhood immunizations

SHELBYVILLE – COVID-19 not only interrupted in-person learning, it also interrupted how our children prepare to return to school.

Over the past two years routine well-child visits, which are often when childhood vaccines are received, decreased across the country, and the North Central District is no different. The number of well-child visits in the North Central District from June 2021 to April 2022 was about half the number from that same time frame in 2020-2021. And as well-child visits drop so do childhood vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control saw a 14 percent drop in vaccine ordering nationwide and fewer kindergartners received the DTaP/MMR/Varicella vaccine from 2019-20 school year to the 2020-21 school year.

“It’s important that children stay on track with childhood vaccinations to help prevent the reemergence of communicable diseases like chickenpox, measles, mumps, whooping cough, diphtheria and more,” said Roanya Rice, North Central District Public Health Director.

To help provide greater accessibility to childhood vaccines, the North Central District this year is offering immunization clinics and special hours.

The event starts from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Henry and Shelby county health departments and on Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Spencer and Trimble county health departments. These two events can help you make sure children receive all their vaccines before school starts in mid-August. Public schools in Kentucky require regular childhood vaccines.

Those that can’t make the weekday events or need a late opportunity to get their children routine immunizations can visit any of the four health departments from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 27. Vaccine visits are a good time to discuss any concerns about your child’s health. Insurance will be billed for vaccines, or VFC will be provided for those that qualify.

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that children catch up on routine childhood vaccinations.

For more information or to schedule your child’s immunization visit, visit www.ncdhd.com/our-locations.

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**Shelby County
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