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**MCHD Clinical Services offers back-to-school vaccine clinics in August**

MORGANTOWN, WV (July 30, 2019) — Monongalia County Health Department Clinical Services is having back-to-school vaccine clinics every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in August. This will last until August 23 and is by appointment only.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), immunizations currently prevent between 2 to 3 million deaths every year. It is one of the most successful and cost-effective public health interventions.

Currently in West Virginia, children entering a public school or state-regulated child care center must have their vaccinations for chickenpox, hepatitis B, measles, meningitis, mumps, diphtheria, polio, rubella, tetanus and whooping cough.

This law has helped provide immunity to children before they are exposed to potentially life-threatening disease. According to the America’s Health Rankings, in the year of 2018 immunizations among children aged 19 to 35 months in West Virginia increased from 64.7 percent to 74.7 percent.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month and is the perfect time to check what vaccines your school-aged children need.

Ages 4-6:
- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis), also known as DTaP. This should be your child’s fifth dose
- Polio (IPV) – fourth dose
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) – second dose
- Chickenpox (varicella) – second dose
- Influenza (flu) – every year

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Ages 7-10
  • Influenza (flu) – every year

Ages 11-12
  • Meningococcal (MenACWY) – one dose
  • HPV – two doses
  • Tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (Tdap) – one dose
  • Influenza (flu) – every year

Ages 13-18
  • Influenza (flu) – every year
  • Meningococcal

Your children should be getting vaccinated before they start school. You can find a list of those immunizations on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/by-age/index.html.

West Virginia is among the states that have the strictest vaccination laws, not allowing for religious exemptions. Exemptions are only made for children with compromised immune systems who cannot have the vaccines. Everyone else getting their vaccines creates herd immunity that keeps those who cannot be vaccinated safe.

To make an appointment for a MCHD Clinical Services back-to-school vaccination clinic, call 304-598-5119.

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