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Subject: Back to School Vaccine Clinics

As the summer quickly passes, we are starting to see school supply promotions at various retail stores. We are reminded when seeing these items that the new school year is just around the corner.

This year, some new vaccines for kindergarten and 7th grade students are required. For students entering kindergarten, a 5th dose of DTaP, 4th dose of Polio, and a 2nd dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are now mandated. For youth entering 7th grade, a dose of Tdap (Tetanus with diphtheria and pertussis) are required. Several other vaccines are also available to 7th grade students such as meningitis, Hepatitis A, HPV (for prevention of cervical cancer etc.). These vaccines are not required for school, but highly recommended.

In order to accommodate the needs of working parents, the Licking County Health Department is offering Thursday evening walk-in clinics from 5:00-7:30 pm at the Licking Co. Health Department at 675 Price Rd., Newark. Besides August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, there will be a clinic September 2nd at the same location. The regular immunization clinics during the daytime will also remain available at the health department, Monday 2-4, Tuesday 1:30-3:30, Wednesday mornings by appointment, Thursday 10-11:30 & 1-3:30. On Monday, August 16th, a back-to-school clinic will be held in Western Licking County at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 7714 Hazelton-Etna Rd. (SR 310), Pataskala, OH.

Parents need to bring a current shot record for their child to the clinic if they have gotten previous vaccines at other providers. There is a small clinic fee; however, no one will be denied service due to inability to pay. Medicaid is accepted as payment in full. For questions, call the health department at 740-349-6535.

Every Thursday evening (July 1st – October 7th) from 5:00-8:00 pm, there is a Farmer's Market available in the parking lot of the Licking County Health Department. This is a great opportunity to buy some great local produce and get your child's back-to-school vaccines at one location.

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