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Recess is over: Vaccines lined up & waiting for your student

SnoCo health care providers & Snohomish Health District are ready to immunize children for school

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. – We want perfect attendance for every student in Snohomish County! Health care providers in Snohomish County are ready to prepare students for a healthy school year. Families are encouraged to see their health care provider. If your family does not have a provider, Snohomish Health District can help you.

Required childhood vaccines are available for the school year 2010-2011.

- ❖ Two doses of **chickenpox (varicella)** vaccine or doctor-verified history of disease is required for age kindergarten through grade 2. Students in grades 3, 4, and 6 are required to have one dose of varicella or parental history of disease. Varicella vaccine is recommended for children in grade 5, but not required.
- ❖ The adolescent **pertussis vaccine (Tdap)** is required for students in grades 6 through 9.

Recommended vaccines also are available.

- ❖ **Meningococcal** vaccine (one shot) is recommended for adolescents age 11 and older.
- ❖ A three-shot series of **human papillomavirus (HPV)** is recommended for girls age 11 and older and by parent request for boys of the same age to prevent two types of genital warts.
- ❖ Older teens should have one dose of the adolescent **pertussis** vaccine (Tdap).
- ❖ Children 12 months and older should receive **hepatitis A** vaccine, a two-shot series.
- ❖ Flu vaccine is now recommended for all people age 6 months and older.

Parents should beat the rush by making appointments now with their child's health care provider. At the Health District, parents can make an appointment during normal clinic hours at either of the two sites. Beginning Aug. 30 through Sept. 17, the Health District will offer back-to-school immunizations at its clinics in Everett (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and Lynnwood (Tuesday, Thursday). Hours at both locations are by appointment from 8 a.m. to noon, and on a walk-in basis from 1 to 4 p.m. The clinics will be closed on Labor Day (Sept. 6) and on weekends.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child to the clinic, and must bring a complete record of the child's immunizations. If you are unable to accompany your child, you need to fill out a Snohomish Health District authorization form to have another person bring your child to the clinic. The forms are available at both clinics, and the clinics will mail or fax forms on request. On the day of your appointment, our clinic staff can verify and update your child's status on the state's online immunization registry.

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Health District back-to-school shots

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Health District clinics request payment on the day of service in cash or by check. Medical coupons are accepted, but private insurance is not. The cost for most immunization services includes an office visit fee, plus an administration fee per vaccine. Snohomish Health District clinics do not accept credit or debit cards. Reduced fees are available by filling out a request based on household size and income.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns or to schedule an appointment: SHD Everett Immunization Clinic 425.339.5220; SHD Lynnwood Immunization Clinic 425.775.3522. Read more about the state's vaccine requirements for school-age children and childcare:

www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize

Established in 1959, the Snohomish Health District works for a safer and healthier community through disease prevention, health promotion, and protection from environmental threats. Find more information about the Health District at www.snohd.org.

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Back-to-school walk-in hours:

SHD Everett Immunization Clinic, 3020 Rucker Ave, Suite 108, Everett, WA 98201
425.339.5220; 425.339.5252 (TTY)

By appointment: 8 a.m.-noon, Mon-Wed-Fri; closed on weekends

Walk-in hours: 1-4 p.m., Mon-Wed-Fri

SHD Lynnwood Immunization Clinic, 6101 200th Ave SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036
425.775.3522; 425.778.5417 (TTY)

By appointment: 8 a.m.-noon, Tue and Thu; closed on weekends

Walk-in hours: Tue and Thu 1-4 p.m.

NOTE: Both clinics will be closed on weekends and on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

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