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PROGRAMS FURTHER HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS

St. Charles County, Missouri – To help prevent the spread of disease in our community, the St. Charles County Division of Public Health's Immunization Clinic offers three programs for children and adults. The *Vaccines For Children* (VFC) program, the *Children's Immunization Program* (CHIP) and the *Adult Immunization Program* (AIP) provide free or affordably priced vaccinations for residents.

Immunizations play a vital role in helping a community in the fight against disease outbreaks and in maintaining health. Through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Immunization Clinic provides free shots to those participating in the *Vaccines For Children* program. Those eligible to participate in the *Vaccines For Children* program are children who: have no health insurance; are covered by Medicaid; are Native American or Alaskan Native; or have health insurance that does not cover immunizations. The CHIP and AIP plans offer near-cost immunizations to those ineligible for the *Vaccines For Children* program.

“Through these programs for children and adults, the Division of Public Health seeks to make immunizations readily available within our community,” Division of Public Health Director **Hope Woodson** said. “Since preventing diseases before they occur is much less expensive than treatment, an up-to-date shot record helps lower health care costs for all of us.”

Vaccines covered through these programs include:

Disease Prevented	VFC Cost*	CHIP Cost*	AIP Cost*
Hepatitis A	FREE	Not offered	\$47
Hepatitis B	FREE	\$34	\$54
Hepatitis A and B	Not offered	Not offered	\$73
Varicella (chickenpox)	FREE	\$110	\$110
MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)	FREE	\$72	\$72
Polio (inactivated poliovirus vaccine)	FREE	\$37	\$37
Pediatric DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	FREE	\$39	Not offered
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)	FREE	\$55	\$55
PPD (tuberculosis)	\$20	\$20	\$20
Shingles	Not offered	Not offered	\$187

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Vaccinations are offered at the health department facility (located at 1650 Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles) every weekday except Thursday. Hours are 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. — open until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, the facility's hours are extended until 7 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month. Patients are asked to schedule an appointment for their visit, but walk-in customers are accepted on a space-available basis from 8:30 to 11 a.m., on Fridays. To schedule an appointment, please call 636-949-1857. All patients 18 and under should bring their immunization record to the visit.

Promoting healthy choices and improving the overall health of the community is the mission of the Division of Public Health. To achieve this, program services include Immunizations, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program, STD Prevention & Treatment, Communicable Disease investigation, educational programming, the collection and distribution of vital records like birth and death certificates, and much more. For information on programs offered and to discover ways the division assists our community, please visit www.scchealth.org or call 636-949-7400.

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