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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE AT ST. CHARLES COUNTY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

*Program Helps Students, Parents Meet Missouri's Vaccination Requirements for School Attendance*

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The state of Missouri requires that students are up-to-date on [specific immunizations](#) before attending school each year. To help St. Charles County students meet these requirements, and to minimize the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in our community, the Department of Public Health's Immunization Clinic provides all required vaccinations.

“Planning for the upcoming school year may not be on the minds of students and their parents, as it seems like summer has just begun,” says Immunization Clinic Manager Theresa Turnbull. “However, as vaccinations are required for Missouri students to attend school each year, the Immunization Clinic is helping make these preparations a little easier.”

**St. Charles County Immunization Clinic**

Through conveniently scheduled appointments with the [Immunization Clinic](#), students can receive all recommended vaccinations before the school year begins in mid-August. Appointments are available from 8:30 to 10:50 a.m. and 1:10 to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call 636-949-1857 to schedule.

In addition to scheduled appointments, the Immunization Clinic accepts a limited number of walk-in visits:

- From 8:30 to 10:50 a.m. and 1:10 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.
- From 8:30 to 10:50 a.m. and 1:10 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.
- From 8:30 to 10:50 a.m. and 1:10 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15

A parent or guardian must accompany students during their visit to the Immunization Clinic, which is located at 1650 Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles. To ensure that students receive all necessary vaccinations, please bring a current vaccination record to the visit.

Services through the Immunization Clinic are payable by cash, check or credit card (includes a service fee). For those with private insurance, the Immunization Clinic can bill providers, although the clinic may be considered out-of-network. Additionally, those qualifying for Vaccines for Children can obtain vaccinations at no cost. For a complete list of vaccinations available for children, adolescents and adults, please visit [sccmo.org/Vaccinations](http://sccmo.org/Vaccinations).

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### **Missouri's Vaccination Requirements**

Through regular vaccinations, health care professionals have reduced, and in some cases eliminated, the threat from diseases that killed or severely disabled many just a generation ago. However, when vaccination levels decrease, these diseases can and do return, as we've seen with the current nationwide measles outbreak.

To minimize further spread, Missouri state statutes require that:

#### **A student entering Kindergarten** receives:

- At least four doses of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT).
- At least three doses of polio vaccine (IPV).
- Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR).
- At least three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.
- Two doses of chickenpox vaccine (varicella).

#### **A student entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** receives:

- All the above vaccinations.
- One dose of the tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- One dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).

#### **A student entering 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** receives:

- All the above vaccinations.
- A second dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).

Students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status to school officials prior to the first day of attendance to meet these requirements, including the month, date and year of each vaccination. The Immunization Clinic provides individuals with a current copy of their vaccinations.

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### **About the St. Charles County Division of Health Services**

*The Division of Health Services' mission is to promote healthy choices and improve the health of the community. To achieve these goals, program services include an Immunization Clinic for children and adults; nutrition education and supplemental food services for women, infants and children; chronic disease screening and prevention; Communicable Disease reporting and investigation; educational programming; the collection and distribution of birth and death certificates; assistance in applications for U.S. passports; and more. For information on programs offered, visit [sccmo.org/HealthServices](http://sccmo.org/HealthServices) or call 636-949-7400.*

### **About St. Charles County**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks, encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 395,504, St. Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County employs more than 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [sccmo.org](http://sccmo.org).*