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Spring Break Immunizations

- Get them now, get them early -

Fort Myers, FL – While kids are out of school during Spring Break, the Lee County Health Department will be providing all childhood immunizations. This is a good time for parents to bring their kids in for free back-to-school immunizations.

When the 2010-2011 school year begins, all students must be current on their immunizations in order to attend. The requirements have changed so parents need to check and verify their child is up-to-date on his/her immunizations.

Any student who will be new to the Lee County school system must verify they have received all the required immunizations. For students entering kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, two doses of chicken pox (varicella) vaccine will now be required.

Also, for students entering 7th grade in August 2010, they now need a tetanus booster (Tdap). Parents should also make sure their college-bound teenagers are up-to-date with required and recommended vaccines. If your child needs updated immunizations, get them early and avoid the long lines.

Students who do not have the required immunizations will be sent home from public schools on the first day. In addition, they will not be able to ride the bus or participate in sports, band or other extracurricular activities until the school has the DH 680 form showing that the shots were received.

These vaccinations are available at the Lee County Health Department free of charge at the 3920 Michigan Ave location, Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and Friday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, please contact the Lee County Health Department's Office of Immunizations at 239-332-9601.

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