

Avoid the rush, get shots early

Fort Myers, FL – Hate long back-to-school lines? The Lee County Health Department says *avoid* them by getting school children up to date on their shots in July at Shots for Tots evening clinics county-wide or daytime at the main office on Michigan Avenue.

School starts August 8 for Lee County public school students, and all students (new and returning) must have proof of current immunizations to be admitted. Besides missing valuable education time, they will not be able to ride the bus or participate in sports and other extracurricular activities until the school has the DH 680 form showing that their shots were received.

The requirements changed in 2008 so parents need to verify their children have received all currently required immunizations.

Students entering kindergarten, first, second and third grades need a second vaccine for chicken pox (varicella). Also, students entering seventh, eighth or ninth grades need a Tdap tetanus booster. Parents should also be certain their college bound teens are up-to-date with required and recommended vaccines.

All required immunizations are free and offered on a *walk-in* basis, at the Lee County Health Department
3920 Michigan Avenue,
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Friday

Shots for Tots clinics are open according to the following schedule:

Pondella Clinic

83 Pondella Rd.
North Fort Myers, FL 33916
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Walk-in Only

First Presbyterian Church

9751 Bonita Beach Rd
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
1st Tuesday of the month
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Walk-in Only

Lehigh Acres Clinic

5624 8th Street West, Suite 106
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
1st Thursday of the month
3rd Tuesday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Walk-in Only

“It’s important to remind parents that diseases prevented by childhood immunizations are still around, and the very best way to protect your loved ones is to get them vaccinated,” said Judith A. Hartner, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A., director of the Lee County Health Department.

For more information contact the Lee County Health Department’s Office of Immunizations at 239-332-9601.

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