

It's time to get back-to-school vaccinations

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The Lee County Health Department is reminding parents to get their children required polio vaccinations before the back-to-school rush at clinics.

New rules require kindergartners to have a fourth polio vaccine after their fourth birthdays and before school starts Aug. 8, said department spokeswoman Diane Holm.

The department's Shots for Tots offers free evening vaccination clinics in North Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Lehigh Acres.

Students entering kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 must also have a second vaccine for chicken pox. Students going into the seventh, eighth and nine grades require tetanus boosters.

The Shots for Tots clinics are at the following locations:

- The Health Department's clinic at 83 Pondella Rd. in North Fort Myers on the first and third Wednesday of the month. (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- First Presbyterian Church, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd. in Bonita Springs on the first Tuesday of the month. (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- Lehigh Acres Clinic, 5624 8th St. W., Ste. 106 in Lehigh Acres on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

The department also offers daytime vaccinations at its office at 3920 Michigan Ave. in Fort Myers.