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KCHD Urges Parents to Ensure Kids' Vaccinations Are Up to Date

Knoxville, Tenn.— With summer break coming to an end and school extracurriculars already starting, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is reminding parents that now is the time to make sure their child's vaccinations are up to date. All students entering preschool, kindergarten, seventh grade, or freshman year of college and those entering a Tennessee school for the first time should receive state-required immunizations. These include vaccines that protect against: measles, Hepatitis B, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, and others.

Appointments are available at both KCHD locations. Please contact the clinic at which you would like to make an appointment:

- Main Location: 140 Dameron Ave.; 865-215-5070
- West Clinic: 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Rd.; 865-215-5950

A parent/guardian's photo ID, insurance card, and child's vaccination records are required for the appointment. The parent or legal guardian must provide consent for the child to be vaccinated. Please come at your scheduled appointment time and reschedule if sick.

"We know parents are busy, especially at this time of year, and we want to make this process as convenient and easy as possible," said KCHD Public Health Officer Dr. Megan Edwards. "We encourage parents to make an appointment with their child's physician or our staff as soon as possible if they haven't already."

If you believe your child is up to date on vaccines and only needs the immunization certificate, contact your primary care provider to see if they have it available. If they don't and/or the child has recently moved to Tennessee and needs their records transferred, call KCHD's Immunization Program at 865-215-5150. Please keep in mind there is a 2 – 5-day turnaround time for certificates and state vaccination record transfers. If you want to pick up a copy of your certificate, call to schedule a pick-up time.

New this year, KCHD is offering an online form to request your immunization records, available on the [immunizations program website](#). More information, including a list of the state-required vaccinations by grade level, is available [here](#).

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit <http://www.knoxcounty.org/health>.

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