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Get Kids Ready for School!

MEMPHIS, TN – Even though summer is far from over, the new school year is almost here! The Shelby County Health Department wants to help parents get their children ready to attend school on the first day with all the necessary requirements. The Health Department provides school and childcare physicals, immunizations and certified birth certificates as required by area schools.

“Immunizations are an important part of our children’s health. By receiving the recommended immunizations and receiving them in a timely manner, we are protecting and defending our children from diseases that were deadly in years past,” said Dr. Helen Morrow, Health Officer for the Shelby County Health Department. **“We have a high rate of immunization among our school age children in Shelby County. However, we cannot relax our efforts to defeat vaccine-preventable diseases. Having your child immunized with the recommended vaccines as scheduled will allow an easier transition into the school year. It will also help ensure a fuller education by helping to prevent missed opportunities due to vaccine-preventable diseases.”**

For children enrolling in a Tennessee school for the first time, a parent or guardian must show proof the child has had a physical examination. The Shelby County Health Department provides school and childcare physicals at the following Public Health Clinics **by appointment only**:

Galloway Clinic

757 Galloway
(901) 222-9750
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Hickory Hill Clinic

6590 Kirby Center Cove
(901) 222-9910
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 2nd and 4th Saturdays ONLY

Millington Clinic

8225 Highway 51 N.
(901) 222-9940
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Immunization Clinic

814 Jefferson Ave, Room 216
(901) 222-9331
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Shelby Crossing Clinic

6170 Macon Road
(901) 222-9800
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Southland Mall Clinic

1215 Southland Mall-Inside Mall
(901) 222-9828
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays ONLY

Cawthon Clinic

1000 Haynes
(901) 222-9866
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Collierville Clinic

167 Washington
(901) 222-9900
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday ONLY

If a child is covered under TennCare, the exam is **free**. If the child is not covered by TennCare or other health insurance, **the exam costs \$85**. That charge also includes any necessary childhood immunizations that are given at the same time as the physical exam.

Required Immunizations:

A child must show proof of having had the following required immunizations, and recorded on the **NEW** Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (PH-4103) - No other form will be accepted!

Requirements for Child Care and Pre-school

- **DTaP** - age appropriate
- **Hepatitis B** - age appropriate
- **Polio** - age appropriate
- **Hib**- ages younger than 5 only
- **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine**- age younger than 5 only
- **MMR**- 1 dose (12 months and over)
- **Varicella**- 1 dose or history of disease (12 months and over)
- **Hepatitis A**- 1 dose by 18 months

Requirements for Kindergarten

- **DTaP** - at least 4 doses- one of which must be on or after the 4th birthday
- **Polio** – 3-4 doses – one of which must be on or after the 4th birthday
- **MMR** - 2 doses - both of which have to be given after the 1st birthday
- **Hepatitis B series** - 3 doses
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – 2 doses given after 1st birthday or history of disease
- **Hepatitis A** - 2 doses

Requirements for 7th grade

- **Tdap** - 1 dose
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** - 2 doses or history of disease

Requirements for Higher Education students (undergraduate and/or graduate/medical schools)

- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – 2 doses or history of disease
- **Hepatitis B** – 3 doses

There are several other recommended vaccinations that parents of adolescents and young adults should consider. They include HPV, meningococcal conjugate and Hepatitis A and B boosters.

The cost of immunizations at Health Department Clinics ranges from **\$13 to \$35 (cost may increase for those over 18 years of age)** per visit, depending upon how many immunizations the child is given. There is no cost for children covered by TennCare. The Health Department clinics accept cash and checks **only** (The clinic located at 814 Jefferson accepts cash, checks and credit cards).

Birth Certificate Information:

Certified copies of birth records may be obtained one of the following ways:

- The Vital Records office at the Health Department
814 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 101, Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Call (901) 222-9693
- Or through the Vitalchek website, <http://vitalchek.com/>, for an additional charge

The **short form birth certificates** cost **\$8.00 per copy**. Additional copies of the same record are \$5.00 each, if purchased at the same time. The **long form birth certificate** is **\$15.00 per copy**. **The Health Department no longer accepts personal checks as payment.** Money orders, credit cards and cash are accepted.

Only a parent or legal guardian may obtain a child's birth certificate. In order to obtain a birth certificate for a child, the parent or legal guardian must present **one** item from the following list:

- Current driver's license, with date of issue and expiration date
- Current passport
- Military I.D. card
- Alien, temporary or permanent resident card
- Employment authorization card
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of citizenship or citizenship I.D. card

Or the parent or legal guardian must present **two** items from the following list:

- Current pay stub or W2 form
- Vehicle registration with name and current address
- Voter registration card
- Military discharge form (DD214)
- Utility bill, bank statement or deposit slip with name and current address
- Health care coverage card
- Medical record
- Application page of an insurance policy
- Signed Social Security card
- For persons who have had their I.D. stolen, a copy of a police report or other official documents that support the theft

Please call the Immunization Clinic at (901) 222-9331 or the Vital Records Office at (901) 222-9693 with any further questions or concerns. Both offices are open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.