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BACK TO SCHOOL SHOTS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY DUE TO COVID-19

Free immunizations offered leading up to school start



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Panama City, Fla.— Due to the Florida Department of Health in Bay County's COVID-19 response, all **Immunization Services** will be **by appointment only** until further notice. This is for our community and staff's protection. This **includes back to school shots** that are needed for children to start school.

"Unfortunately, this year we are unable to provide a back to school shot clinic due to COVID-19. We encourage parents to begin making appointments for back to school shots now," said Sandon S. Speedling, MHS, CPM, CPH, Administrator and Health Officer, DOH-Bay, "DOH-Bay wants to ensure that we are able to provide the immunizations your child needs to start school and avoid preventable illness."

Back to school shots are **free** of charge. Please call **(850) 872-4455** to schedule an immunizations appointment for the following services:

- **Child Vaccines**
- **Adult Vaccines**
- **Religious Exemption**
- **Immigration Vaccines**
- **International Travel Vaccines**

Guardians **must provide a Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680 form)**, documenting the following vaccinations:

Public/Private Schools Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade:

- Four or five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine
- Three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine
- Three, four or five doses of polio (IPV) vaccine
- Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two doses of varicella vaccine for kindergarten and grades one through nine
- One dose of varicella vaccine for grades ten through twelve

Seventh Grade:

In addition to kindergarten through twelfth grade vaccines, students entering or attending seventh grade need the following vaccinations:

- One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine in grades seven through twelve
- An updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, must be obtained for submission to the school

Parents of **middle and high school students** should also give **consideration** for two optional vaccines; those are for **meningitis and HPV**. The CDC states that all 11 to 12-year-olds should be vaccinated against meningococcal disease, with a booster at age 16. The meningitis vaccination is especially important for those participating in sports teams that may likely be in close quarters and drink after each other. The HPV shot is recommended for 11 to 12-year-old boys and girls and aids in protecting both from certain types of cancers and genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. It is recognized that teens who become active sexually have an 80-percent chance of contracting HPV. Prevention is a key to stop this type of cancer. One vaccine can stop this form of cancer for boys or girls and prevent the spread of disease in future partners.

Please see a list below of services that **do not require an appointment**. You can **request these services via email** at baymedicalrecords@flhealth.gov. A call back will be provided when forms are ready for pick-up, or if additional vaccines are required to schedule an appointment.

- **Out of state records transferred to Florida 680 Form (for school registration)***
- **680 Form**
- **College Forms (for college entry)**

For more information regarding immunizations and other preventive health measures, please call 850-872-4455 or visit the DOH-Bay website at Bay.FloridaHealth.gov or follow us on Twitter at [@FLHealthEmerald](https://twitter.com/FLHealthEmerald). For details on immunization requirements, call 1-877-888-7468 or visit ImmunizeFlorida.org.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING OUT-OF-STATE/COUNTY IMMUNIZATION RECORD TRANSFERS

- 1. Complete and submit the following information to Florida Department of Health-Bay at least two weeks prior to school orientation/registration.**
 - **Copies of child's name and date of birth on all documentation. Write all information legibly.**
 - **Copies of parent/legal guardian photo ID**
 - **Current Address and phone number**
- 2. Always keep copies for your records. Never submit original documents.**
- 3. Immunization documentation can be submitted in the following ways:**
 - **Option 1-Email: Florida Department of Health in Bay County baymedicalrecords@flhealth.gov SUBJECT LINE: Immunizations.**
 - **Immunization records can be received in PDF/JPG/JPEG/PNG/HTML format**
 - **Option 2-Fax: (850) 747-5475 ATTN: Immunizations**
 - **Option 3-Drop off in person: At our clinic location - 597 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401**
- 4. Immunization records are usually processed within 3-5 business days. Parent/guardian will be notified by a Florida Department of Health Employee if child's vaccination history is not complete. Upon notification of incomplete immunization parent/guardian may make an appointment for their child at the Florida Department of Health Bay County 850-872-4455. Record submissions with illegible and/or incomplete patient information will not be processed.**
- 5. Copies of immunization records can be picked up in-person at our main location - 597 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Parent/guardian must bring copy of photo ID. We cannot email or fax records back to you.**
- 6. If the child is being enrolled in FL immunization program by an adult that is not their parent, we will need them to include a notarized letter from the parent/guardian naming the adult and giving authorization for them to provide consent for their child. Official guardianship/shelter order/power of attorney accompanied by the adult is also required.**