

JULY IS IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Adolescents and Adults are Encouraged to Get Tdap Vaccine

Two Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccines became licensed in the United States in the spring of 2005. These vaccinations are available in two different formularies: BOOSTRIX® manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals and ADACEL™ manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur. These vaccines are designed to protect adults and adolescents from Pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, and diphtheria. See below for the recommendations.

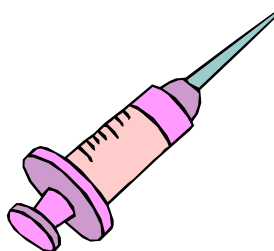


1. BOOSTRIX® by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals

- For individuals 10-18 years of age

2. ADACEL™ by Sanofi Pasteur

- For individuals 11-64 years of age
- Recommended for:
 - All adults younger than age 65
 - Healthcare workers who work in hospitals or ambulatory care settings and have direct patient contact
 - Anyone who is in contact with infants less than 12 months of age.



Picture of a boy with Pertussis

Be sure to ask your physician if you or your children qualify for this vaccine.

What is Pertussis (Whooping Cough)?

Pertussis is a bacterial respiratory illness that can last for several weeks or months. It is characterized by severe spasms of coughing. It is spread from person-to-person through close contact with respiratory droplets released when a person coughs or sneezes. Pertussis was at one time, before the introduction of the vaccine in the 1940's, a major cause of serious illness and death among infants and young children in the United States. For more information, visit the Center For Disease Control and Prevention's website at: www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/pertussis/faqs.htm.



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Why is it Important to Vaccinate Against Pertussis?

If treatment is given early, it is effective. The problem with this is that the treatment would need to be given before the symptoms can be recognized as Pertussis. This is why vaccination is the best way to prevent Pertussis.

How Many Cases of Pertussis are Reported in Scott County?

In 2005, there were 114 cases of Pertussis in Scott County. Already from January through May of 2006, there have been 55 cases of Pertussis. Last year during this time period, there were only 23 cases of Pertussis, so if the trend continues the rest of the year, Scott County may exceed last year's number of cases of Pertussis. Protect yourself from Pertussis by asking your physician about the Tdap vaccine!

It is Never too Early to Get Back-to-School Immunizations

It's July and before you know it school will be back in session. As preparation to return to class begins, the Scott County Health Department encourages you to add immunizations to the list of school supplies. Keeping current on immunizations can help prevent the onset of communicable diseases. Get in the know! Information regarding child and adult immunization schedules and communicable diseases such as Pertussis can be found on our website at www.scottcountyiowa.com/health.



Where Can Individuals get Vaccinated?

The Scott County Health Department provides immunizations to Scott County residents, birth through 18 years old, who meet Vaccine For Children eligibility. See below for eligibility requirements:

To qualify for the Vaccine For Children program, the child must be **one of the following:**

- Medicaid-eligible;
- Uninsured;
- Underinsured;
- American Indian/Alaskan Native.



Scott County Health Department Immunization Clinic Hours:

Appointments are encouraged for the Immunization Clinic and can be made for:
Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Call 563-326-8618 to schedule an appointment

Walk-in immunizations available:
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

To learn more about our Immunization Program, visit our website at: www.scottcountyiowa.com/health. Immunizations are also available through local physicians, Community Health Care, WIC, and Passport Health.

Does the Vaccine For Children Program Cover Tdap, Hepatitis A, Meningitis, and Rotavirus Vaccines?

Yes, the Scott County Health Department will provide the following special vaccinations to children who meet the Vaccine For Children program. Below are the requirements.

Tdap—anyone 11 to 18 years of age

Hepatitis A—children 12 months to 23 months of age

Meningococcal—anyone 13-18 years of age

Rotavirus—Infants 6 weeks to 32 weeks of age, at 2, 4, and 6 months. It is not given after 32 weeks of age.



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