



Don't wait, vaccinate!

Tdap booster is now required in Iowa.

Schools out! Time for carefree summer fun until the next school year. Right? Well, not to squash those summer daydreams, but these summer months are sure to breeze by. The Scott County Health Department (SCHD) encourages you to take advantage of those lazy summer days and get a jump start on your back to school list. Begin with items required for school enrollment, particularly immunizations.

Iowa requires immunizations for students entering kindergarten and those enrolled in preschool or daycare centers who do not have a medical or religious waiver.

Beginning with the 2013/14 school year, Iowa law will also require all students entering, advancing, or transferring into 7th grade and born on or after September 15, 2000 to have proof of an adolescent Tdap booster immunization. This is a requirement for **both** public and private school enrollment.

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What is Tdap?

Tdap is a booster vaccine for older children, adolescents, and adults. It safely protects against three dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Why the new requirement?

Prior to this change, Iowa was one of only ten states that did not have a Td or Tdap vaccine requirement for secondary school. This new requirement will help protect your child, and others in schools and the community, from whooping cough. Whooping cough is a serious disease that causes coughing fits that can last for months. In recent years, whooping cough has been increasing in the United States and in Iowa. In 2012, whooping cough was widespread in Iowa with approximately 417% more individuals with pertussis disease compared to the average of the past five years. Similar increases have been reported in Scott County for the last several years.



SCHD has been working to make this an easy transition!

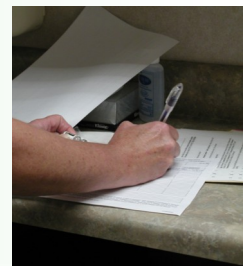
Over the past several months, SCHD provided Tdap vaccine clinics in participating area schools for students in 6th through 12th grades. All students were offered vaccine, regardless of insurance status. Vaccine was offered in order to prevent outbreaks from

occurring in our community as well as to help parents comply with the 2013/14 school requirement. Tdap clinics were held in December and April. Over 1,200 adolescents were vaccinated. Student immunization records were updated and entered into the Iowa Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Staff also entered immunization records of students who had already received Tdap and who sent the SCHD a copy of their immunization record. Nurses reviewed each record, signed, and stamped each certificate as updated. Updated certificates were sent to the schools for their records.

Access Your Immunization Records Instantly!

Are you looking for proof of your teen's Tdap booster vaccination, and not quite as organized as you would like to be? Look no further! Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS) now has a Public Immunization Access Portal. If you live in Iowa, and received immunizations by a provider who uses IRIS, then you may be able to access your record with the click of a button. To search for your teen's record, you must enter your full name, birth date, and social security number or Medicaid ID. If the provider has not recorded your teen's social security number or Medicaid ID in IRIS, you will not find your teen's record. If you cannot access your record on IRIS you may call the Scott County Health Department at 563-326-8618 for assistance in obtaining your record.

Access your teen's record by following this link <https://iris.iowa.gov/IRISPRDJ/portallInfoManager.do>



Take It Outside!

Spring time is here, and with it comes the many opportunities to “Take It Outside”. In cooperation with the Iowa DNR’s “Take It Outside” campaign, the Wapsi River Center is again offering low-impact, outdoor recreational opportunities that sustain both a healthy environment and a healthy body. Following the Iowa Core Conservation Concepts, the natural resource-based activities aim to connect people with nature in a responsible and enjoyable way (not to mention, at low or no cost!).

Do you know how to fish? Try our **Annual West Lake Park Kids Fishing Clinic** on June 1 or try fishing during **Iowa Resident Free Fishing Days**, June 7-9! Any runners, swimmers, or bikers out there? Try the **QC Triathlon** at West Lake Park on June 15 or try the **Bike or Equestrian Trails** at Scott County Park. If these activities sound inviting, you can find details by visiting: <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/conservation/> under the “Events” section. At this link you can also find the latest issue of the *W.R.E.N.—Dave Murcia, Naturalist/Director, Wapsi River Center*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Scott County Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2013; 12:00-1:00PM Open to the Public
Location: Scott County Administrative Center, Boardroom
1st Floor

OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department is committed to promoting, protecting and preserving the health of the community by providing leadership and direction as advocates for the individual, the family, the community and the environment we serve.

OUR VISION:

As recognized and respected leaders in serving and protecting our citizens, we at the Scott County Health Department are committed to a safer, healthier community and environment. In so doing, we provide a multitude of services with Professionalism, Responsiveness, Involvement, Dedication, and Excellence.

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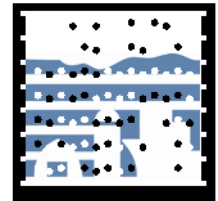
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