

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Back to School Readiness

Is Your Child Up to Date?

It's that time of year again. As you are preparing your child for the new school year, be sure to include updating vaccinations to your to-do list! Ensuring that children get all of the vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is one of the most important ways that parents can protect their children's health. Most schools require children to be current on vaccinations prior to enrollment to help protect the health of all students. When children are not vaccinated, the risk of acquiring a disease or spreading a disease is much higher. Today's childhood vaccines protect against many serious diseases. Parents can find the recommended immunization schedule by visiting www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents.

Vision Screenings

Iowa law requires that all kindergarten and third grade students have a vision screening. Parents or guardians need to make sure their child has a vision screening at least once before starting kindergarten and again before starting third grade. For kindergarten students, a screening will be valid if done up to one year prior to enrollment and no later than six months after enrollment. For third grade students, a screening will be valid if done no earlier than one year prior to the first day of school and no later than six months after the first day of school. For more information on who can complete a vision screening for your child, please visit <http://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/child-health/vision-screening>.

hawk-i Insurance

hawk-i (*Healthy And Well Kids in Iowa*) offers free or low-cost healthcare coverage for children and teens, and many working families qualify. Children and teens who have health insurance are healthier than those who are uninsured. Be sure to give your child every opportunity to succeed! For more information or to apply, visit www.hawk-i.org.



OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

OUR VISION:

Scott County—
A safe and healthy
community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Health Department will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016 in observation of Independence Day.*
- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, July 21, 2016.*

Links

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccine Recommendations:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents.

Iowa Department of Public Health Vision Screening Requirements:

<http://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/child-health/vision-screening>.

hawk-i Healthcare Coverage:

www.hawk-i.org

School Dental Screening Requirements in Iowa:

<http://idph.iowa.gov/ohds/oral-health-center/school-screenings>

I-Smile™:

<http://ismiledentalhome.iowa.gov/>

American Dental Association Activities for Kids:

<http://www.mouthhealthykids.org/en/activity-sheets/>

Your Smile Matters

The Check up

Plaque is a clear, sticky layer of bacteria that can harden and become a deposit called tartar if not removed properly with brushing and flossing. Professional dental care is important. A child's first dental visit should be at age one. These appointments will allow for education to parents, early treatment of dental disease and fluoride application. It is less costly to prevent cavities than it is to repair them. A dental visit is recommended two times a year.

Great teeth. Great smile. Great school year.

The State of Iowa has School Registration Requirements for kindergarten and ninth grade students to have a dental screening:

- *Kindergarten Students.* Screenings can be performed by: dentists, dental hygienists, physicians, registered nurses, or physician assistants
- *9th Grade Students.* Screenings can only be performed by dentists or dental hygienists

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