

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Back to School Immunizations

NOW is the time to get your child's school immunizations.

It's summertime; who wants to even think about getting ready for school? Actually, July is a VERY GOOD time to make an appointment and avoid the last minute rush at your doctor's office. Waiting until August to get your child vaccinated may result in your child not being able to start school on the first day. Many healthcare providers are overwhelmed with phone calls from parents trying to get their children appointments for school immunizations. Every year there are many providers who find themselves unable to see all the children before school starts.

Schools in Iowa are required by law to exclude children who do not meet minimum immunization requirements. This is preventable by planning ahead and getting your child immunized now instead of waiting and trying to get an appointment—or worse yet, being told there are no appointments available.

Your medical provider can help you ensure that your child is ready and has the proper immunizations required in order to start school. Children in 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade MUST have a Tdap and Meningitis (MCV) vaccination in order to go the first day—so check with your doctor and make sure they are ready!

Remember:

It's the Rule - Shots BEFORE School!



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

- *We will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019 in observation of Independence Day.*
- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, July 18, 2019.*

Links

- Immunization Program: <https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/immunization>
- Iowa Student Health Requirements: <https://educateiowa.gov/student-health-requirements>



Immunization Coalition

Inaugural Year of Scott County's Immunization Coalition

It has been almost a year since community partners, health care professionals, and consumers met to form a coalition to help support immunization efforts in Scott County. The group, led by Scott County Health Department staff, has the goal to reduce vaccine preventable diseases for all ages through education and accessible services. The group identified priority areas where they would like to see positive change. One priority became the need to accurately track vaccine records and space vaccine doses properly by using the Iowa Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). The group is working toward educating providers and community members of the importance on using IRIS to track immunizations effectively.

The development of the coalition has begun to have a positive impact on the way immunizations are addressed in Scott County. We look forward to seeing what else the group will accomplish in the future.



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