

PREVENTION WEDNESDAY

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Health Department

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Immunizations

Did You Know?

- Immunizations are designed to protect your child from serious diseases.
- Now is the time to make sure your children are ready for school with all of the required immunizations. Call your school to be sure your child is up to date
- Immunizations, like any medicine, can cause side effects. Most are mild “local” reactions like pain, redness, or swelling at the site of injection or a low-grade fever. Remember, a decision *not* to immunize also carries risk.
- All daycare centers, preschools and schools require proof of vaccination, or a special waiver, for children to attend.
- Your **teen** may need shots too. Vaccines for pertussis, meningitis and cervical cancer are offered—ask your doctor if they are right for your older child.

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2007-2008
10th grade students should bring proof of Varicella and Hepatitis B vaccines or immunity to school now.

Free Immunizations!

This Friday,

August 10, 2007

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM:

Lexington Market

400 W Lexington St, 21201

This Saturday,

August 11, 2007

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM:

YMCA – Stadium Place

900 E 33rd St, 21218

Call the Baltimore City Health Department for other free immunization clinics and for more information at **410-396-4454**

Important Tip

Parents/guardians should bring their child’s immunization record to any of the scheduled immunization clinics.

Resources and References

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

For a copy of vaccine requirements for the school year:

www.edcp.org/html/immprg.html, then click on “Back to School Immunization Requirements”

Baltimore City Health Department: www.baltimorehealth.org, then click on “How do I get immunizations for my child?” in the left column

National Immunization Program: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/

National Network for Immunization Information: www.immunizationinfo.org

American Academy of Pediatrics: www.cispimmunize.org/

Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System: 1-800-822-7967 or www.vaers.hhs.gov

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: 1-800-338-2382 www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/

International Travel Information: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx/>, then click on Vaccinations

Preguntas frecuentes sobre las vacunas:

1. <http://www.cdc.gov/spanish/inmunizacion.htm>
2. http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/general/fact_myth_immunizations_esp.html
3. <http://www.immunization-sd.org/parents/esp/faq.html>