

PREVENTION WEDNESDAY

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City of Baltimore

Health Department

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Immunizations

Did You Know?

- Immunizations are designed to protect your child from serious diseases.
- Children under 5 years of age are especially susceptible to disease because their immune systems have not built up the necessary defenses to fight infection.
- 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 (whooping cough), meningitis and cervical cancer are offered- ask your doctor if they are right for your child.

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2008-2009
11th grade students need Varicella and Hepatitis B boosters before returning to school.

Free Immunizations!

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

**This Saturday,
August 9, 2008**

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM:
FestAfrica Patterson Park
Eastern Avenue side, 21224

**Next Saturday,
August 16, 2008**

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM:
First Mount Calvary Baptist Church
1142 N. Fulton Ave, 21217

Call the Baltimore City Health Department
for more information at **410-396-4454**

Resources and References

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

For a copy of vaccine requirements for the school year:

www.edcp.org/html/immvg.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