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NEWS

CHILDREN MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW COST VACCINATIONS

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Today’s tough economy is affecting us all, and many families are being forced to choose between healthcare and other critical needs. For families who do not have medical insurance, Hamilton County Public Health operates 13 immunization clinics across the county.

Children through 18 years of age may be eligible to receive recommended vaccines, which help prevent serious diseases like meningitis, whooping cough and influenza at no cost or low cost through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

“Immunizing children against vaccine-preventable diseases is a vital part of keeping them healthy throughout their lives,” said Tim Ingram, Hamilton County Health Commissioner. “Children can become infected in any number of ways, but with the proper vaccinations they can resist those diseases and prevent them from spreading.”

Children can be eligible for VFC, even if they don’t have medical insurance and regardless of their immigration status. VFC is a federal government program designed to help ease the financial burden many families are now facing.

Hamilton County Public Health operates 13 immunization clinics throughout Hamilton County. For children age 18 and younger, there is a \$15 administrative fee per person, not per vaccine. Some vaccines are available for adults as well, but there may be a cost for the vaccine in addition to the \$15 administrative fee. No one is turned away based on ability to pay.

An estimated 35 million children fail to receive at least one of the vaccines recommended by public health officials – leading to only half of teens getting immunized each year against meningitis and whooping cough. Children who are not fully vaccinated against these diseases may become mildly to severely ill and may infect other children who have not been vaccinated.

For dates and times of immunization clinics, visit www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org and choose Immunization Clinic Locations from the Quick Links drop down menu at the top of the page. For additional assistance, contact the Nursing Division at (513) 946-7882.

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