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Childhood Vaccinations

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JACKSON COUNTY, MI June 14, 2016 –The Jackson County Health Department reminds families about the importance of protecting children against serious illness by keeping them up to date on all recommended shots.

“Healthcare providers want parents to know that the best way to protect their children against serious, yet preventable, disease is to get your children their shots on time. Many of the diseases that could be prevented are on the rise due to people choosing not to vaccinate their children or delaying their vaccines, which leaves these kids vulnerable to illness. It is important, for the health of the entire community, that we vaccinate our children.” Nikki Meyer, Clinical Services Coordinator.

As of March 31, 2016, only 55% of children (19-36 months of age) and 33% of adolescents (13-17 years) in Jackson County were up to date on all of their recommended vaccines. This is far below the 90% rate that is needed to create protection for our community in order to stop the spread of disease, should a disease outbreak occur.

The Jackson County Health Department regularly sends reminder letters to the homes of those children in our community who are behind on their vaccines. We do this with the hope that families will contact their medical provider or Jackson County Health Department to get these children up to date on their shots.

Jackson County Health Department offers a walk-in Immunization Clinic that provides all recommended vaccines. We can tell you if you or your child is in need for a vaccine and provide the shot that same day.

Please contact the Jackson County Health Department Immunization Clinic at (517) 768-4468 for clinic hours of operation and any other questions.

For additional resources, please visit:

http://www.co.jackson.mi.us/Agencies/HD/pph/immunization_clinic.asp

http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_4911_4914_68359---,00.html

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