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## **BACK TO SCHOOL TEEN IMMUNIZATION CLINICS SCHEDULED**

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***EDITORS: This CORRECTS an earlier version. Please disregard the earlier version.***

**DELAWARE, Oh., July 22, 2011** – The Delaware General Health District has scheduled four special “Back to School” immunization clinics for adolescents and teens starting August 30.

Immunizations protect teens from several diseases including meningitis, Hepatitis A and B, and Human papillomavirus, all of which can cause serious illness or death. Ohio law requires students to receive certain immunizations to attend school. The Tdap vaccine, which protects against Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough), is now required for seventh graders.

Immunizations are particularly important for students because they help prevent rapid spread of diseases in the school setting. In addition to protecting a teen from disease, immunizations keep diseases from spreading from teens to infants and others at higher risk for diseases.

The special Back to School Clinics are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday afternoons August 30 through Sept. 20. Each will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Health District Clinic at 3 W. Winter St., Delaware. Appointments are available by logging on to [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) or calling 740-203-2040.

Immunizations also are available by appointment at the Health District Clinic every weekday from 7:30 to 9 a.m., every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., the last Tuesday of every month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or appointments, log on to [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) or phone 740-203-2040.

