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Send Your Children Back To School Protected From Serious Diseases
August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Eau Claire, WI, August 19th, 2016 – Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to get school supplies and backpacks. It's also the perfect time to be sure children are up-to-date on their shots.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is encouraging parents to be sure their children are current with their shots. Shots keep children protected from many serious and possibly life-threatening diseases.

In the 2015 school year, 92% of school-age children in Eau Claire County were up-to-date with their shots. Although this number is high, there are still children in Eau Claire County who are not current with their shots.

When children are not up-to-date on shots, their chances of getting a disease goes up. They can also spread diseases to others. Talk to your child's doctor to be sure their shots are up-to-date.

"Keeping children current on their shots is important to keep them protected from getting sick as they return to school," says Patricia Reis, Public Health Nurse at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

To learn more about the recommended shots, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html>. Call your doctor to make an appointment.

For more information, call the Health Department at 715-839-4718.



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