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Get your kids caught up on vaccines

Eau Claire, WI, October 21, 2022– The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is offering free adolescent vaccinations at upcoming clinics at South Middle School (Wed. Oct. 26th, 1-5pm), Altoona Fire Station (Thurs. Oct. 27th, 3-6pm), Northstar Middle School (Wed. Nov. 2nd, 1-5pm), and DeLong Middle School (Wed. Nov. 9th, 1-5pm). Students can get a flu shot (age 6 months+), COVID booster (age 5+), Tdap (age 11+), Meningococcal (age 11+), or HPV (age 9+) vaccines during the school day at no cost. Free COVID boosters will also be available for anyone age 5+ at these clinics. Clinics are open to non-students and adults from 3pm-5pm.

"We're glad we can offer an opportunity for kids in the community to get their flu shot, and also get up to date with other vaccines," says Kristy Polden, Public Health Nurse. "By partnering with schools to make these available, it makes it easier for students and their families."

It's important for kids to stay up to date with their vaccines. Vaccines protect them from diseases they can get today. Vaccines also protect them from illnesses they can develop in the future. Since children's immunity fades over time, they need extra doses of some vaccines like Tdap. These vaccine boosters ensure the best protection for kids.

All students younger than 18 must have a parent/guardian present at the clinic or must have a signed parent/guardian consent form filled out in advance with their school.

Flu shots for adults: Many adults (19+) have not yet gotten their annual flu shot. Adult flu shots are available at a local healthcare provider or pharmacy. You can also visit vaccines.gov.

For additional information, please visit our website at <u>immunizations.echealthdepartment.org</u> or call us at 715-839-4718.

For more information about vaccinations: <u>Immunizations</u>: <u>Childhood and Adolescent Vaccine Information</u> <u>Wisconsin Department of Health Services</u>

GET YOUR SHOT

FREE Vaccines for Kids:

- Flu (6 months-18 years)
- COVID boosters (5+ years)
- HPV
- Meningitis
- Tdap

FREE COVID boosters available for adults too!

Location

South Middle School (Commons)

Altoona Fire Station

Northstar Middle School (Multi-Purpose Room)

DeLong Middle School (Library)

Date

Wed. Oct. 26th

Thurs. Oct. 27th

Wed. Nov. 2nd

Wed. Nov. 9th

Time

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*Clinics open to the public from 3-5pm

No appointment needed Questions? Call 715-839-4718



