



MEDIA RELEASE

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LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REMINDS PARENTS TO GET KIDS IMMUNIZED BY FEB. 17

Lincoln County public health officials remind parents that children won't be able to go to school or child care starting Feb. 17 if their records on file show missing immunizations. State law requires that all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities be up-to-date on their immunizations, or have a religious or medical exemption.

"The goal is to make sure children are fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. If school and child care shot records are not up-to-date, the child will be sent home," said Debbie Spicer, RN, Immunization Program Manager for Lincoln County Health and Human Services.

Many parents receive exclusion letters because their children's school or day care records are not updated, even though they may have all their shots. School and child care staff may use Oregon Immunization ALERT (www.immalert.org 1-800-980-9431), the statewide registry, to keep records current. However, parents are responsible for ensuring the school or day care has the required information. County health officials advise parents to update their children's immunization record at school or child care after every shot.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department:

- 1) **Your Doctor...** Call early!!
- 2) **Newport:** Lincoln County Health and Human Services (LCHHS):
Drop - In Clinic: Located at: 36 SW Nye St. Newport
Or call (541) 265- 0587 for an appointment.
• **Wednesday, February 17, 2009 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**
- 3) **Lincoln City:** Lincoln Community Health Center:
Drop – In Clinics: Located at: 4422 NE Devils Lake Rd. Ste. 2 Lincoln City
Or call (541) 265-4947 for an appointment.
• **Wednesday, February 17, 2010 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**
• **Thursday, February 18, 2010 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**
- 4) **Schools:** Available when school is in session. Call the School Based Health Center in your area for an appointment.
Waldport High School: 563-7666
Taft High School: 996-2311
Toledo High School: 336-5419
Newport High School: 265-9281ext 253
- 5) **Siletz Community Health Clinic** – By appointment only!
107 Swan Ave SE, Siletz
(541) 444-1030

Parents may also call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET or 1-800-723-3638. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines. Contributions toward administration costs are always welcome. Additional information on school immunizations can be found at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/school.

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