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Walk-In Clinics Scheduled to Help Kids Get Required Vaccines Before School Begins

BLOOMINGTON – With many young people returning to school this week, the McLean County Health Department is advising parents to make sure their children have met the back-to-school immunization and dental requirements so that their children have a positive start to the school year. For those students still needing vaccines and who do not have an appointment, the Health Department is offering several last-minute opportunities for school immunizations. These walk-in clinics will be held at the Health Department, 200 West Front Street, (3rd floor), Bloomington, and require no appointments. Wait times could be 1-2 hours, so please be prepared. The dates and times are:

Wednesday, August 15 th :	8:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 16 th :	8:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, August 17 th :	8:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, August 20 th :	10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 21 st :	8:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Children being brought to the walk-in clinics must have their vaccine record and insurance card to receive their immunizations. Also, all youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or have a signed proxy form. Proxy forms must be completed in advance and are available on the Health Department website (<https://health.mcleancountyil.gov>) in both English and Spanish.

All children can get back-to-school immunizations at the Health Department, including uninsured and under-insured families through the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The Health Department accepts private health insurance, Medicaid and Medicare plans, and private-pay.

For families with children entering kindergarten, 2nd grade, or 6th grade, the Health Department can also provide the required oral health exam for those covered by Medicaid or are self-paying and meet household financial guidelines. Appointments are needed for dental exams and can be made by calling 309-888-5479.

Start the school year off right by making sure children are on schedule with required vaccinations and dental exams.

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