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Health Department Offers Required Immunizations For School Children

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health offers all vaccines for school readiness at the Immunization Clinic during regular clinic hours from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening clinic hours are also available on Tuesdays until 6:30 p.m. Patients can come into the Immunization Clinic on a walk-in basis; no appointment is necessary.

The Health Department reminds parents of the required immunizations deadlines for children entering kindergarten and sixth grade. By law, students who have not received their required shots by the deadline dates may not return to school until they comply with state immunization requirements.

The last day for year-round students in kindergarten and sixth grade to attend school if they have not received the required shots is **Aug. 12**.

The last day for students in traditional school to attend if they have not received the required shots is **Sept. 24**.

“Time is running out for those children attending year-round schools to get their required shots for entry into kindergarten and sixth grade,” said Pamela James, School Health and Immunizations Supervisor. “We want to remind parents not to let their children miss school because of missed deadlines for required shots.”

Required vaccines for kindergarten include: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis); Polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella); Hepatitis B and Varicella (chicken pox).

Sixth graders are only required to have the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) shot, but the Meningitis, Gardasil, and Hepatitis A shots are also recommended.

For vaccine prices or information about eligibility for the Vaccines for Children program, call 910-433-3633. Medicaid, North Carolina Health Choice and Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance are filed.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comments_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.

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