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## **Health Department Reminds Residents on the Importance of Back-to-School Vaccinations**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department recognizes August as National Immunization Awareness Month and encourages parents to have their children immunized now to avoid the back-to-school immunization rush. *Shots 4 Tots n Teens* is a walk-in immunization clinic for children from birth through 18 years old. In order for your child to receive services, please bring the following items:

- Child's Paper Shot Record
- Child's Insurance Card (if any)
- Parent's ID

All insurance plans are accepted. A fee of \$21.25 per shot is charged for those without insurance; however, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

The *Shots 4 Tots n Teens* staff will ensure your child is up-to-date on their immunizations and ready for daycare or school. There are special shot requirements at kindergarten, seventh, and twelfth grades.

"Back to school vaccinations help protect our children and families from the spread of infectious diseases," said Health Commissioner, Eric Zgodzinski, "I encourage parents to review their child's immunization records along with school requirements, and make plans to obtain needed immunizations soon."

Vaccines help develop immunity to countless infectious diseases by enabling the body to recognize and fight vaccine-preventable diseases. The following vaccines are required for children entering pre-school and grades K-12: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella, polio, varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis B. Students entering college should check with health services at their college regarding immunization requirements.

If additional information, please call 419.213.4121 or visit [lucascountyhealth.com](http://lucascountyhealth.com) for a complete listing of all upcoming vaccination clinics.

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