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## Clay County Public Health Center Back-to-School Immunization Clinics

**LIBERTY, Mo. – July 21, 2017** – Students who will be entering kindergarten, eighth and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to obtain immunizations according to the state of Missouri 2017-2018 School Immunization Requirement. Clay County Public Health Center will be having back-to-school immunization clinics from July 31 through August 23.

Hours for the back-to-school clinics at the Clay County Public Health Center are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is recommended that clients call to schedule an appointment as only a limited number of walk-ins will be accommodated as scheduling permits.

A copy your child's current immunization record is required to receive a vaccination, and those under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guardians need to bring legal or notarized proof of guardianship. Parents may send their child with another adult with a permission note that is signed and dated. Clay County Public Health Center vaccinates all ages and accepts Medicaid and most major insurances. Uninsured and underinsured individuals will pay a minimal fee.

According to the World Health Organization, immunizations have had an enormous impact in improving the lives and health of people all over the world and currently prevent about three million deaths annually. Vaccines reduce the risk of infection by working with the body's natural defenses to help it safely develop immunity to disease. Immunizations through vaccinations are the safest way to protect against diseases.

For more information, or to make an appointment, please call the Clay County Public Health Center at 816-595-4355.

## About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit www.clayhealth.com.

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