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City encourages parents and guardians to get their children immunized

Changes to vaccine requirements for Texas students are effective August 1

DALLAS – New vaccine requirements for Texas school children are effective Aug. 1, and the City of Dallas is strongly encouraging parents and guardians to get their children immunized. All students must be current on their vaccines and meet new state requirements before enrolling for the next school year.

“The current swine flu situation reinforces the importance of vaccines in providing protection against diseases where a vaccine already exists,” said City of Dallas Public Health Manager Mary Boyd. “Not following the immunization schedule puts the child at risk for a preventable disease.”

The City’s Public Health Department is encouraging parents not to wait until the last minute to have their children immunized. Immunization clinics across the City provide shots on a walk-in basis, at a cost of just \$3 per person. They emphasize that no one will be denied service based on their ability to pay. The low-cost clinics are located at Janie C. Turner Recreation Center, John West Health Center, North Dallas Health Center, Oak Cliff Health Center and the West Dallas Health Center.

Clinic Locations	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Janie C. Turner Rec. Center 6424 Elam Rd. 214-670-0505	None	None	None	None	3 rd Friday of each month 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	None
John West Health Center 3312 N. Buckner-Suite 200 214-243-1530	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	None	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.	4 th Sat. of each month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
North Dallas Health Center 8001 LBJ Frwy. Suite 200 214-670-7482	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	2 nd of Sat. of each month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Oak Cliff Health Center 300 N. Ewing Street 214-670-7482	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	3 rd Sat. of each month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
West Dallas Health Center 2828 Fish Trap Road 214-670-7152	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	None

The Executive Commissioner on Health and Human Services approved revisions to the *Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in Texas Public and Private Schools* on March 5. The changes update Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements to match the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new vaccine school requirement for the specific school year and grades can be found at www.immunizetexas.com.

For more information about Dallas locations providing immunization services call 3-1-1 or visit www.dallascityhall.com.