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2016 NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

In collaboration with partners nationwide, the Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month. This is the perfect time to ensure that children are protected with all of the vaccines needed as the back-to-school season draws near, and also a time to celebrate the importance of immunizations across the lifespan.

Vaccine preventable disease rates have declined tremendously, yet cases still occur in the United States. To date in 2016, nearly 6,000 cases of pertussis have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While young school aged children are thought of most often, it is important to remember that immunizations are also critical to the health and well-being of infants, adolescents and adults alike.

The SCDPH offers comprehensive immunization services at six locations throughout Saginaw County. Walk-in immunization clinic hours at the Bennie T. Woodard, Jr. Public Health Center, 1600 North Michigan Ave, Saginaw, are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 1:30 until 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 until 5:00 p.m.; services are also available by appointment only on Wednesday from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 1:15 until 4:00 p.m. For information on other clinic times and locations, call (989) 758-3840 or visit www.saginawpublichealth.org. For more information on the recommended immunization schedules, contact the SCDPH or visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules. Be Wise. Be Well.

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