

News Release

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Knox Public Health Announces Back-to-School Immunization Clinic Schedule

Knox County, OH – Knox Public Health is helping families prepare for the new school year by offering a series of Back-to-School Immunization Clinics across the county. These clinics provide an opportunity for students to receive the vaccines required for school attendance, as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC 3313.671).

The immunization clinics will be held at both health center locations in Mount Vernon and Danville, as well as at the Fredericktown Community Library and the Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County. Evening hours and multiple dates are available to accommodate busy family schedules.

These clinics are one more way we're working to remove barriers and support parents during the back-to-school season. Vaccines are a simple step that help prevent serious illnesses and keep our classrooms healthy.

In Ohio, certain vaccines are required before a child can attend school, including immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP), Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap), MMR, Hepatitis B, Polio, and Varicella (chickenpox). Ensuring children are up to date protects them from preventable diseases and helps protect others who may be at higher risk in the school environment.

Even if your child has missed some doses, we can help get them caught up. We're here to support families with resources and personalized guidance.

Clinic Schedule

Wednesday, Jul. 30

8:00 am – 11:45 am – Mount Vernon Health Center

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Danville Health Center

Wednesday, Aug. 6

8:00 am – 11:45 am – Danville Health Center

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Fredericktown Community Library



Thursday, Aug. 7

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Mount Vernon Public Library

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Mount Vernon Health Center & Danville Health Center

Wednesday, Aug. 20

8:00 am – 11:45 am – Danville Health Center

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Mount Vernon Health Center

Thursday, Sep. 4

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Mount Vernon Health Center & Danville Health Center

Thursday, Oct. 2

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Mount Vernon Health Center & Danville Health Center

Eligibility & Vaccine Availability

These events are open to any school-aged child, regardless of school district.

- Library Clinics will offer Tdap, Meningitis, and Kindergarten immunizations only.
- Health Center Clinics (Mount Vernon and Danville) will offer all required school-age immunizations, including DTaP, TDaP, Meningitis, MMR, Varicella, Polio, Hep B, and more.

How Vaccines Protect Your Child & School Requirements

Ohio law (ORC 3313.671) requires school-aged children to provide proof of immunization—or be in the process of completing the vaccine series—to remain enrolled after 14 days of school entry. The required vaccines include:

- DTaP: Protects against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. Grades K–12 require four or more doses; a fifth may be required.
- Hepatitis B: Protects the liver; three doses required.
- MMR: Guards against measles, mumps, and rubella; two doses required.
- Polio (IPV): Prevents paralysis; three or more doses required.
- Varicella: Protects from chickenpox; two doses required.
- TDaP (Grades 7–12): Booster for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.
- Meningococcal ACWY: Protects against meningitis; one dose for grades 7–11, two doses for grade 12 unless the first dose was given at age 16 or older.

These vaccines not only protect your child from potentially serious illnesses but also help reduce the spread of disease within schools and the broader community.

Protecting Students, Strengthening Communities

Immunizations not only keeps your child safe but also contributes to healthier schools and a stronger community. Knox Public Health encourages families to act early and avoid the last-minute rush before school begins.



What to Bring

Parents or guardians must accompany their child and bring the child's immunization record and insurance card. Most insurance plans are accepted. No child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Appointments & Questions

Please call ahead to confirm which vaccines will be available at each clinic. To make an appointment for a back-to-school immunization clinic at one of our Health Center locations—or if you have any questions—please call 740-399-8008. Please note that appointments are required for all Health Center clinics.

For more information and updates, visit Knox Public Health's website at:

<https://www.knoxhealth.com/index.php>. To learn more about immunizations, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/>. For more information about Ohio's school immunization requirements, visit the Ohio Department of Health or view the full statute at [Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Vaccine Requirements | Ohio Department of Health](#)

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