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HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINES

JACKSON, Tenn. – The Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department will host back-to-school immunization clinics Aug. 12, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the health department. A limited number of after-hours appointments will also be available Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Students must be up to date on all school vaccination requirements whether they participate in virtual or in-person learning. You must have an appointment to be seen.

“We’re offering more appointments and making our staff available to help get students ready to return to the classroom,” Director of Clinical Services Cindy Roe said. “We plan to see as many people as possible, but only have a limited number of openings.”

Students entering kindergarten must get the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), chickenpox, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP), and polio vaccines before starting school in August.

Students entering seventh grade must get the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before starting school in August. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also highly recommends these students get meningitis and Gardasil vaccines. Gardasil protects against cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

Students in high school, 16 years of age and older, need two meningitis booster shots.

Students not up to date on routine vaccinations may need to get more shots.

We ask parents to bring their child’s shot record and insurance card. Please call the health department at 731-423-3020 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

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