



# Shelby City Health Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### New Vaccine Requirements for School

SHELBY - In order to help control the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health requires certain immunizations for children who attend school. In addition to the usual vaccines required for kindergarten, students who will be in 7th grade and 12th grade for the 2016-2017 school year are now required to have vaccination for meningococcal disease. This vaccine has been available and recommended since 2005, however, this is the first year it is **required** for school attendance. For 12<sup>th</sup> graders, this would be a second meningococcal vaccine if a first dose was given prior to age 16, or it would be a first and only dose if there were no prior doses. Since 2010, 7th graders have also been required to have a Tdap vaccine for school attendance. Most colleges require or recommend that their students have certain vaccinations, depending on living arrangements and course of study.

Parents are encouraged to check the immunization records of their children and obtain the required vaccines before the start of school this fall. Spring and summer are excellent times to get this done.

Some doctors' offices carry these vaccines as well as the Shelby City Health Department provides a walk-in clinic the second Wednesday of the month from 10am to noon and 2pm to 4pm at 5 Water Street (Old Council Chambers). This is provided through a contract with RPH.

The Health Department will be scheduling extra clinics this summer to help meet this need. No appointment is needed for walk-in clinics.