



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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This Saturday, November 14, the Missoula City-County Health Department is offering the last of its special clinics to help students get their newly-required school immunizations. To schedule your student for Saturday please call 258-4636 (INFO) before 5 p.m. Friday (tomorrow).

Parents are strongly urged to take advantage of this last special clinic. Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) has announced that students who are not up-to-date on immunizations and records by December 1 will be excluded from school.

The health department is advising parents not to wait. Students who wait until the last days before the deadline to get their shots or records **risk being turned away due to high demand**. As of today, more than 500 students are not in compliance with the new law. In Missoula, the health department is the **only walk-in clinic** offering the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

Most of the students who still need the varicella (chicken pox) shot are high school students. To make getting it more convenient, **parents can send their 15- to 17-year-old students to the clinic by themselves if parents fill out and sign the required forms in advance**. To download the forms and checklists, go to the MCPS website at <http://www.mcpsmt.org>

Parents, thank you for helping us help you keep your child healthy and in school.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR SATURDAY'S CLINIC
CALL 258-4636 (INFO).**

News media inquiries: Please contact Ellen Leahy at 258-3882 or 240-5077 for interviews.
Thank you for helping us get the message out.