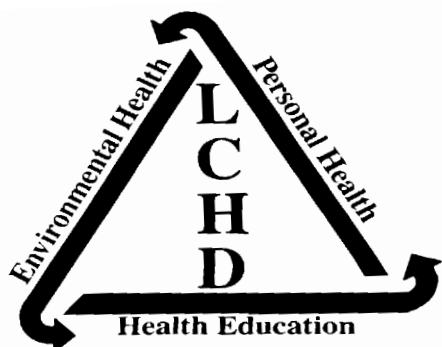


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### **“LaSalle County Health Department’s Immunization Clinics”**

**OTTAWA, IL** – August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This annual observance highlights the efforts of LaSalle County Health Department to protect patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination. Our goal is to have residents be fully immunized against vaccine preventable diseases.

Getting vaccinated according to the recommended immunization schedule is one of the most important things a parent can do to protect their child’s health. Whether it’s a baby entering a daycare facility, a toddler heading to preschool, students in elementary through High School, or even College Freshmen, parents should check their child’s vaccination records. Vaccines help prevent serious diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), as well as some others. Debra Hart, Director of Personal Health, “strongly encourages parents to schedule their child’s appointment as soon as possible and avoid waiting until the last minute. This helps assure that students will enter school meeting the requirements and not risk the chance of exclusion due to noncompliance.”

The Health Department holds immunization clinics the second Thursday of every month. LaSalle County Health Department is located at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. It is important that you call for an appointment and bring your child’s shot record with you on the day of the appointment. We can bill most private insurance, Medicaid, CHIP, and participate in the VFC (Vaccines for Children) program.

For immunization information or appointments, call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or check with your local healthcare provider. For information on other public health issues, visit our website at [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org)

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