

Vaccination has greatly reduced the burden of infectious diseases in the world.

Only clean water performs better.¹



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In Ohio, certain vaccines are required for entrance into kindergarten. But to fully protect your child, he/she needs all of the recommended vaccines. The Union County Health Department encourages fully vaccinating children with *ALL* recommended childhood vaccines.

Most insurance plans pay for vaccines with no out-of-pocket cost and programs are available for those who are uninsured. All childhood and teen immunizations are available by appointment at the Union County Health Department. Call (937) 642-2053 today to make an appointment or speak to a nurse about vaccines.

Vaccines are one of the most effective weapons we have against disease—they are safe and 85 – 99% effective in preventing disease. Childhood vaccines have decreased diphtheria by 100%, HIB (meningitis) by 99%, Measles and Mumps by 99%, polio by 100%, rubella by 99%, tetanus by 98%, Whooping Cough by 93%, and Chicken Pox by 89%.

While some vaccine-preventable diseases have become very rare thanks to vaccines, cases and outbreaks still happen. The United States experienced a record number of measles cases during 2014. Making sure your children stay up to date with vaccinations is the best way to protect your communities and schools from outbreaks.

Recommended Vaccines for entering kindergarten*

- DTaP (one booster) - protects against tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis (Whooping Cough). *Required for school.*
- Polio (IPV) (one booster) - protects against poliovirus. *Required for school.*
- MMR (one booster) - protects against measles, mumps, rubella. *Required for school.*
- Varicella (one booster) - protects against chickenpox. *Required for school.*
- Influenza (one shot annually for most children) - protects against four common strains of flu. *Recommended in early fall.*

If you have questions about your child's immunization status or any of the recommended vaccines, please talk to your health care provider or the Union County Health Department. Call (937) 642-2053 today to make an appointment or speak to an immunization nurse at the Union County Health Department.

Yours in Good Health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Richmond".

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¹ Plotkin SL, Plotkin SA. A short history of vaccination. In: Plotkin SA, Oresteina WA, eds. Vaccines, 4th edn. Philadelphia: WB Saunders; 2004: 1-15.

* Recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), other medical societies, and CDC.