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Don't Wait Before It's Too Late, Plan Back-to-School Vaccinations

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) is reminding families that summer is a good time to get your children vaccinated. Margaret Sturgis, Preventive Health, Immunization and Communicable Disease Nursing Supervisor stated, *"I highly encourage parents and caregivers to get their kids vaccinated before the back-to-school rush"*. Vaccinations are available at two locations:

The SCCHD main office located at 3415 28th Street, Port Huron. By appointment only:

- Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Teen Health Center located at 2215 Court Street, Port Huron (on the campus of Port Huron High School). By appointment or walk-ins accommodated as schedule allows:

- Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including measles and whooping cough. Unvaccinated children are at an increased risk and can spread diseases to others in classrooms and the community – including babies too young to be fully vaccinated and those with weakened immune systems. Children must receive their vaccines *before* the first day of the school year.

Since January 1, 2015, the State of Michigan requires local health departments to provide one-on-one education to parents and guardians who are requesting a non-medical waiver. Call (810) 987-5300 to schedule a waiver appointment. Don't delay – appointment slots are filling up fast!

For more information about vaccinations provided by SCCHD visit www.scchealth.co or www.vaccinateme.info. Follow us on social media @scchdmi for public health updates.

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