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Berrien County Health Department Offers Walk-in Wednesdays for Childhood Immunizations , Screenings

Benton Harbor, Michigan, July 24, 2023 - The Berrien County Health Department is offering Walk-in Wednesdays in August so parents and guardians can get required back-to-school immunizations and screenings for their children - without having to make an appointment.

BCHD is offering extended hours on Wednesdays at its Benton Harbor and Niles locations to make it easier for working families to ensure their children have had the proper immunizations, vision, hearing and dental checkups before school begins.

Walk-In Wednesdays will take place from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 30 in Benton Harbor at 2149 E Napier Ave. In Niles, they will take place from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 23 at 1205 N. Front St. Vision and hearing screenings will not be offered on Aug. 30.

“It is critical kids receive the proper vaccinations and health screenings to keep themselves and their fellow classmates safe,” Berrien County Health Officer Guy Miller said. “We are offering this resource to make it as easy as possible for families to stay safe and healthy this school year with no appointment required.”

Preschoolers, kindergarteners and seventh graders need updated immunizations before school begins. Kindergarteners are also required to receive dental, vision and hearing screenings. BCHD will have a registered dental hygienist and other healthcare professionals on site to give screenings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides guidance on [recommended vaccines](#) for various age groups. In Michigan, vaccines required for school entry include:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis
- Polio
- Measles, mumps and rubella
- Hepatitis B

- Varicella (Chickenpox)

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to connect with their primary care provider or the Health Department to discuss vaccinations for their dependents.

To find a list of vaccinations available through the BCHD, visit bit.ly/BCHDImmunizations. For questions or appointment requests, call 269.926.7121.

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