



## SOUTHWEST HEALTH DISTRICT 8-2

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Back-to-School Immunizations are Available at all 14-County Health Departments in the Southwest Health District

**Albany, GA** — The Southwest Health District wants to remind the community that back-to-school immunizations are available at all 14 health departments within the district during normal business hours. Appointments can be made by contacting your local health department. Walk-ins will be accommodated but may experience a wait. Additional details regarding special immunization events can be found below. The purpose of these clinics is to help families ensure their children are up to date with required and recommended vaccinations for the new school year.

#### Important Immunization Information:

**Required Vaccinations:** Children attending any childcare facility, pre-kindergarten, Head Start program, nursery, or school in Georgia are required to have a completed Form 3231 on file. This requirement applies to all public and private operations, educational programs, and institutions involved in the care, supervision, or instruction of children through grade 12. Certificates are required for all children.

**Seventh-Grade Immunization Requirements:** Children born on or after January 1, 2002, who are attending seventh grade, or new entrants into grades eight through twelve, must have received one dose of the Tdap vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine to fulfill immunization requirements.

**Eleventh-Grade Immunization Requirements:** Before starting the 2024-2025 school year, students entering or transferring into 11th grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday.

For detailed information on required vaccines and to access forms, visit (<https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>).

#### Special Back-to-School Events:

- **Decatur County Health Department**  
Monday, July 29, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
928 S. West St., Bainbridge, GA 39817  
For more information, call (229) 248-3055
- **Dougherty County Health Department**  
Saturday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
1710 S Slappey Blvd, Albany, GA 31701  
For more information, call (229) 638-6424
- **Early County Health Department**  
Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
618 Flowers Dr., Blakey, GA 39823  
For more information, call (229) 207-0049

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