

LATEST INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATIONS!



CHICKENPOX (Varicella)

All children should be given 2 doses of Varicella vaccine routinely.

The 1st dose should be given age 12-15 months (previously 12-18 months).

The 2nd dose should be given at 4-6 years.

A “catch-up” vaccination should be given to all persons older than 6 years who only received one dose. This includes adolescents and adults who may have missed a second dose.

The minimum interval between doses for children ages 12 months through 12 years is 3 months; for persons age 13 years and older, the minimum interval is 4 weeks.

HPV (HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS) INFECTION

There is a **new vaccine** available.

Ideally the HPV vaccine should be given before the onset of sexual activity, but sexually active females should still be vaccinated.

The vaccine is in a three dose series.

SHINGLES

There is a **new vaccine** for preventing shingles. **Zostavax** is a 1 dose vaccination for persons age 60 years and older.

In clinical trials, vaccine recipients had a 51% reduction in shingles and less severe illness when shingles did occur.

Call the Public Health Department for more information on availability.