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Immunization Information from the Montgomery County Health Department

Norristown, PA (August 19, 2013) – With the beginning of the school year just around the corner, the Montgomery County Health Department (MCDH) reminds residents that children may need up-to-date vaccinations. There are several vaccines recommended for 11 and 12 year olds as they enter seventh grade, including Tdap and Meningitis vaccines. The second varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is required for all children attending school. Children 4-6 years old will need booster shots for DTaP, chicken pox, MMR, and polio. Most schools require children to be up-to-date on vaccinations before enrolling or starting school in order to protect the health of all students.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended schedule sets ages for specific vaccines throughout a person's life span. Starting at six months of age, individuals can be vaccinated against influenza annually.

"It is important for people to educate themselves about vaccines and their safety and effectiveness," said Carolyn Zimmerman a Public Health Nurse with the Montgomery County Health Department.

"Make an appointment to receive the vaccines on time and get all the shots needed for the vaccine to be effective." It is important to keep a copy of personal immunization records in a safe place.

Individuals should consult their doctor or nurse about the immunizations they need.