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## Bureau of Health offers free walk-in clinic for immunizations during National Immunization Awareness Month

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2013 will prevent 322 million illnesses, help avoid 732,000 deaths and save nearly \$1.4 trillion in total societal costs in the United States.

Yet some communities remain at risk, particularly those where children living below the poverty line have lower coverage for vaccines, according to the CDC. In Pennsylvania, less than 70 percent of children aged 19 to 35 months were fully immunized in 2012, the most recent year

City of York – Bureau of Health will hold a FREE walk-in Clinic for children in need of immunizations as they head back to school. The immunizations are for city residents without private health insurance, with Medicaid or eligible for the Vaccines for Children program.

The clinic will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Albert S. Weyer Health Center located at 435 W. Philadelphia St. The following immunizations will be available, to be given based upon national guidelines:

- DTaP — Protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough); given to children 6 years old and younger
- Td and Tdap – Given to children 7 and older, as well as adults
- IPV— Protects against polio
- MMR — Protects against measles, mumps, rubella
- Varicella — Protects against chickenpox
- HPV — Protects against human papillomavirus
- MCV4 — Protects against meningococcal disease, a leading cause of bacterial meningitis
- HepA — Protects against Hepatitis A
- HepB — Protects against Hepatitis B
- Pneumococcal — Protects against pneumococcal disease, such as pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, meningitis, bacteremia and sepsis (blood stream infection)
- Hib – Protects against Haemophilus Influenzae Type b
- Rotavirus – Protects against rotaviruses

For more information about the walk-in clinic or general information on vaccinations, contact Debra Stoops, RN at 717-849-2299.

Reportable Conditions 2015 York, PA		
Reported Cases	June 2015	Cum.
Animal Bites	11	61
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	3
Chikungunya Virus Infection	0	1
Chlamydia	33	228
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1
Enterohemorrhagic E. Coli Diarrhea	0	1
Giardiasis	0	1
Gonorrhea	10	46
Hepatitis B	1	3
Hepatitis C	8	32
HIV Infection	1	9
Influenza Type A	0	45
Influenza Type B	0	16
Influenza, Not Specified	0	1
Lyme Disease	6	9
Meningitis – Bacterial	0	1
Pertussis	0	5
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infection	3	42
Salmonella	1	1
Syphilis – Primary/Secondary	2	3
Toxoplasmosis	1	3
Tuberculosis – Latent	1	14
<b>Total Case Reports</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>526</b>



## Meet Matthew Howie, MD – the Bureau’s new Medical Director

The City of York - Bureau of Health is proud to announce Dr. Matthew Howie, MD, FAAFP, as its new medical director, effective July 1st. Dr. Howie brings nearly two decades of medical experience to his role with the City of York - Bureau of Health. Dr. Howie shared, “Since my time as a family medicine resident at York Hospital meeting with Dr. David Hawk, the Bureau of Health has always held a special spot for me as a physician. It is one of those programs that truly has its focus on the health and well-being of those it serves. I am humbled to become a part of the Bureau and am looking forward to working with the program to improve the health of all who live in the city.”

As the medical director, he will oversee programs that include investigating and reducing the transmission of communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, as well as responding to outbreaks of other contagious diseases, including whooping cough and influenza. He will also focus on addressing other public health concerns such as birth outcomes, environmental hazards, and risk factors for chronic disease.

Dr. Howie will continue to serve as medical director for WellSpan at the York Hospital Community Health Center where he has worked the past 12 years. Dr. Howie is “very excited about assuming the responsibilities of the medical director of the York City Bureau of Health... (It) will give me a bigger picture of the health needs of City residents.”

WellSpan Health supports Dr. Howie’s position as part of their Community Partnership Program agreement with the City. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1997, followed with a residency in Family Medicine at York Hospital. After working as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service for three years with the Hopi and Navajo tribes in northern Arizona, Dr. Howie returned to York to work at the York Hospital Community Health Center. Dr. Howie is the father of three teenage daughters, husband to Betsy since before medical school, and a tennis hack



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