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Subject: **School Exclusion Day is Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Oregon law requires that all children attending public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities, have up-to-date immunization documentation (or have an exemption) to remain in school.

The goal is to make sure children are fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases and can go to school in a safe and healthy environment. Immunization is a safe way to help protect your family, your school and your community, against disease.

The date for exclusion this year is Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Each year North Central Public Health District sends a letter to the parents of children that need additional immunizations, indicating what additional immunizations a child needs. Letters are in the mail this week.

Please be aware that North Central Public Health District typically receives a large number of walk-in clients needing to be immunized the week of school exclusion. Our walk-in clinic hours that week will be Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clients are seen on a first-come-first-served basis.

Parents seeking immunization for their child should contact their primary care provider, their pharmacist (if the child is over 11 years of age), or North Central Public Health District during our walk-in clinic hours.

You can also call 211 for information about where to go for immunizations in your area.

In recent years there have been a few changes, please keep in mind:

- Hepatitis A vaccine requirement: The hepatitis A vaccine, which protects against a communicable viral infection, is a two-dose series now required for children 18 months through sixth grade.
- Nonmedical exemption process: Parents wanting a new nonmedical exemption for their child must provide documentation that they have received education about the benefits and risks of immunization

on a Vaccine Education Certificate. Parents can get education from a health care practitioner or from watching an online vaccine education module. More information about the new process is available at www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption

On Wednesday, February 21st, children will not be able to attend school or child care if their records on file show missing immunizations.

No child will be turned away from North Central Public Health District due to a parents' inability to pay for required vaccines. Please note that our walk-in clinic hours that week will be Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additional information on school immunizations can be found at the Immunization Program website at www.healthoregon.org/imm.

(For more information, please contact North Central Public Health District at (541) 506-2600 or visit us on the web at www.ncphd.org or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralPublicHealth/>.)

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