It Takes a Community
to prevent, promote and protect!

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Newsletter

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For vaccine questions, handouts for patients, current updates & recommendations go to these dependable resources!

www.imunize.org

www.vaccineinformation.org

wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

The Sidney-Shelby County Health Department’s Health Commissioner, Steven Tostrick states “We all have a role in supporting the public health system and in putting prevention to work in our lives.”

Since 1995, when the first full week of April was declared National Public Health Week (NPHW), communities across the United States have observed NPHW as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation.

During this first week of April the health department will be featuring a different topic in the lobby, on the website and in the newspaper. These topics include;

Ensuring a Safe, Healthy Home for Your Family-Health and safety begin at home. Make prevention a fun family tradition.

Providing a Safe Environment for Children at School-Schools are the perfect setting for improving child health. Plus, children's health is a rallying point few can ignore.

Creating a Healthy Workplace-Wellness and safety in the workplace are good for health and for business. Let's make prevention work for us.

Protecting You While You’re on the Move-Safety on the go is often in our own hands, but it’s also tied to community design. Together, we can turn our streets into roads to better health.

Empowering a Healthy Community-Support public health efforts that create healthy opportunities for all. Good health is a community affair.
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Ohio Department Of Health’s
Dr. Theodore E. Wymyslo—Director of Health

Explains an important project offered throughout the state of Ohio and Right here in Shelby County

“Dear Healthcare Providers: I would like to invite you to participate in an effective, confidential assessment program for your practice to determine and improve the immunization rates of your two-year old patients. As you may have heard, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Immunization Survey (NIS) data from 2011 indicate that roughly 78.8% of Ohio children are immunized adequately by 24 months of age. (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report [MMWR], September 7, 2012 Vol. 61, No. 35). Ohio retains the goal of having 90% of all 2 year olds appropriately immunized.

The Continuous quality improvement program is called Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and Exchange (AFIX). The assessment offers a review of a sample of children's immunization records to determine practice immunization coverage levels and identifies procedures associated with reducing immunization rates and suggest strategies to improve vaccine protection coverage.

Patient confidentiality is a priority. We hope that you will participate in this project. By having an AFIX you will be helping Ohio reach it’s goal to have 90% of all two-year olds appropriately immunized.” - For more information or to request an AFIX visit, contact your local health department immunization coordinator, Shannon Nagel, R.N. at 937-498-7249.

Vaccine Funding Changes Postponed until 7-1-13

Combined Efforts Needed!

Due to the federal healthcare changes and funding cuts for vaccines, effective July 1, 2013 children with insurance that cover vaccines will need to receive immunizations at their Primary Care Provider’s office. The Sidney-Shelby County Health Department will continue to vaccinate children enrolled in the Medicaid program, those with no insurance and underinsured. The underinsured include: Children who have commercial (private) health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines; children whose insurance covers only selected vaccines; and children whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, these children are categorized as underinsured).

Adult Vaccines: The Sidney-Shelby County Health Department will continue to offer adult vaccines and international travel vaccines for adults. Call for a travel vaccine consultation or appointment.

**** EFFECTIVE 7/1/2013 ****

ALL VACCINE SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 7:30 AM—3:30 PM

Individuals needing “back to school” immunizations should take full advantage of the vaccine clinics listed on the next page due to the vaccine funding changes!

SSCHD encourages providers to keep appropriate pediatric vaccines on hand for all of their insured patients and offer vaccines at wellness visits, sick visits and nurse visits. For updates on immunization administration, schedules, storage, and handling call Shannon at 498-7249 or refer to - http://www.immunize.org/ .

Sign up for newsletters- “Needle Tips” “Vaccinate Adults” or “IAC Express” e-mail news!
Adults Who are Uninsured: Tdap and Pneumoccal Vaccine Available

SSCHD partners with the Ohio Department of Health to provide vaccines at low cost to adults who are uninsured. The cost is $11.00. **Tdap** is available to adults 19 years and older who are pregnant, parents, caretakers of newborns and infants. **Pneumovax** is available to adults 19 years and older who have cardiac or pulmonary disease including asthma, chronic liver disease, alcoholism, diabetes, cigarette smoking, and those who are high risk of infection including HIV infection, leukemia, malignancy, chronic renal disease, and have received an organ or bone marrow transplant. Please contact the Health Department for more information.

Take advantage of one of the last vaccine clinics available to all children! See Below!

**“BACK TO SCHOOL” IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

*Sidney-Shelby County Health Department*

- **Special June hours:** June 3rd to June 7th and June 10th to June 14th.
  - Monday thru Friday: 8:30AM - 3:00PM / with extended hours on Wednesday, June 12th until 6 PM
- **Regular Clinic hours:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
  - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

*Effective July 1st, 2013,* the Ohio Department of Health will not be supplying the Sidney-Shelby County Health Department with vaccine for those with immunization insurance coverage. If you have private insurance that covers vaccines/immunizations, you will need to see your doctor or primary care provider for vaccine services.

All childhood immunization clinics are on a walk-in basis. Appointments will be scheduled if needed. Please bring your child’s immunization record. Parents/guardians must give written permission if someone else brings child to the clinic. All recommended vaccines may be given safely on the same visit. No one will be refused Ohio Department of Health (ODH) vaccines due to an inability to pay an administration fee of $11.00/vaccine.
Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons

The Poison Prevention Week Council provides information about the events associated with National Poison Prevention Week, the steps that you can take to help prevent accidental poisonings and tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

The U.S. Congress established National Poison Prevention Week on September 16, 1961 (P.L. 87-319). Shortly thereafter, the Poison Prevention Week Council was organized to coordinate this annual event and promote poison prevention.

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week nationally designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. However, every day people can and do prevent poisonings. We invite you to review the information on this site and become actively involved in helping ensure the safety of children and adults in your home and your community.

**What To Do If A Poisoning Occurs**

- Remain calm.
- Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and the victim has collapsed or is not breathing. If the victim is awake and alert, dial 1-800-222-1222. Try to have this information ready:
  - the victim’s age and weight
  - the container or bottle of the poison if available
  - the time of the poison exposure
  - the address where the poisoning occurred
- Stay on the phone and follow the instructions from the emergency operator or poison control center.

**Poison Help** 1-800-222-1222

Help Me Grow (HMG) is a program for Ohio's expectant parents, newborns, infants and toddlers that provides health and developmental services so children start school healthy and ready to learn. HMG can assist you if you have concerns about a child's development.

If you have concerns about an infant or toddler's language, feeding, walking, handling of toys, seeing, hearing or playing alone or with others, you can call HMG at 937-498-7249 to be connected to your Shelby County HMG program at the Sidney-Shelby County Health Department.

*If you are not the parent or guardian, you may make a referral anytime, but please speak with the child's family first. Help Me Grow will contact them for their permission to proceed with the referral, and they may accept or decline.*
KEEPING OUR ENVIRONMENT HEALTHY

City of Sidney
Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
Sidney-Shelby County Health Department
North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 20, 2013
Health Department Parking Lot
202 Poplar Street (Enter off of West Ave.)
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
No Early Drop Offs

Items Accepted
Working or non-working
- Computers
- Monitors
- Hard Drives
- Printers/Inkjet or Lasers
- Toner Cartridges
- Keyboards/Mice
- Scanners
- Speakers
- Cords & Cables
- Cell Phones
- Software
- Routers/Switches
- Fire Walls
- Servers

Bring your electronics! This Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley sponsored event follows the highest computer recycling industry standards for environmental safety and data security.

Call 937-498-8143 or
Email: JGoubeaux@sidneyoh.com

Goodwill | Easter Seals Miami Valley

Sidney-Shelby County Health Department
202 W. Poplar St., Sidney, OH 45365
Phone: 937-498-7249
Website: shelbycountyhealthdept.org
Email: sschd@odh.ohio.gov

Clean Up Day
Sat., April 13, 2013
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Van Buren Twp. — Township Building (in Kettlersville)
- Washington Twp. — Township Building (2562 Hardin-Wapak Rd.)

Unacceptable Items:
- Tires
- Herbicides, Pesticides
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air Conditioners
- Yard Waste
- Batteries
- Liquids

Acceptable Items:
- Household garbage & waste
- Large item trash & junk

More information? Contact:
Kent Topp, RS, Director of Environmental Health
Sidney-Shelby County Health Department
937-498-7249
Van Buren Township Trustees
Luke Birkhorst 937-538-0427
David Berning 419-628-3097
Alan Lathman 937-493-7316
William Huffman 937-778-8428
Randy Schwable 937-778-8754
Douglas Stangel 937-492-0562
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MAY is

Hepatitis Awareness Month

The month of May is designated as Hepatitis Awareness Month in the United States, and May 19th is Hepatitis Testing Day. During May, CDC and its public health partners work to shed light on this hidden epidemic by raising awareness of viral hepatitis and encouraging priority populations to get tested.

“Millions of Americans are living with viral hepatitis, yet most don’t know it.”

Viral hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer that often has no symptoms. Take an online assessment to see if you’re at risk. www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis
Empowering a Health Community!
Do you have questions about:

- Birth and Death Certificates — Jenni St. Myers  jenni.stmyers@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) — Kathy Kipp, R.N.  kathy.kipp@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Environmental — Kent Topp, R.S., Director of Environmental Health  kent.topp@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Emergency Preparedness — Lou Ann Albers, R.N.  louann.albers@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Help Me Grow — Ashley Schindewolf  ashley.schindewolf@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Immunizations — Shannon Nagel, R.N.  shannon.nagel@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Nursing — Margie Eilerman, R.N., Director of Nursing  margie.eilerman@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Reportable Diseases — Deb Graham, R.N.  deb.graham@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- Well Child Clinic; School Health — Kathy Cavinder, R.N.  kathy.cavinder@shelbycountyhealthdept.org
- WIC — Tia Toner  tia.toner@shelbycountyhealthdept.org

ATTENTION!! New E-Mail’s

Days and Hours for Immunization Clinics At the Health Department Until July 1, 2013

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1:30 P.M. to 3 P.M.

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Walk-ins are accepted Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM

*** EFFECTIVE 7/1/2013 ***

ALL VACCINE SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY MONDAY—FRIDAY FROM 7:30 AM—3:30 PM

Free Anonymous HIV Testing and Counseling 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (ask for Vince when you come in or call)