

FREE VACCINES FOR ADULTS PROGRAM

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to offer a new vaccine program for Bloomfield residents, specifically those age 19 years and over. Our office has qualified to receive stimulus funds and we now have the ability to protect our adult population against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines include:

1. Tdap

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertusis
- Now is used instead of Td as a 10 year booster

Target Population:

- For anyone age 19 through 64 years who has never received Tdap
- New mothers that have never received a dose of Tdap
- To receive protection against tetanus following a severe cut or burn

Tdap is NOT recommended for anyone age 65 years and over

Current recommendations include administering one (1) dose of Tdap. Future booster doses should be Td.

2. Pneumovax 23

- Pneumococcal vaccine; protects against 23 different types of pneumococcal bacteria

Target Population:

- For all adults age 65 years and over
- For adults age 19 through 64 years that are taking a drug or treatment which lowers the body's resistance to infection
- For adults age 19 through 64 years that have a disease or condition that lowers the body's resistance to infection
- For adults age 19 through 64 years who have a long-term health problem
- For adults age 19 through 64 years who are smokers and/or have asthma

Dose #2 is recommended for those age 65 years and over if dose #1 was administered before age 65.

Dose #2 is recommended for those, age 19 through 64 years diagnosed with specific immuno-compromised conditions.

In both cases, dose #2 is to be given 5 years after dose #1

3. Gardasil

- HPV – Human Papilloma Virus
- Consists of a 3 – dose series

Target Population:

- For females: can prevent most cervical cancers
- For males: can prevent genital warts
- Females and Males: age 19 through 26 years

4. Menactra

- Meningococcal vaccine
- Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness
- Is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis

Target Population:

- For anyone, age 19 through 55 years; mandatory for younger adults residing in a college dormitory

Requirements for this program:

- a. Persons must be age 19 years and over and a Bloomfield resident
- b. Persons can be **insured, uninsured or underinsured**
- c. Vaccine is **free**, however there will be a one-time registration fee of \$15 and an administration fee of \$10 per each appointment
- d. Vaccines will be administered by appointment only

For Bloomfield resident's between the ages of 2 months through 18 years, who are **uninsured or underinsured** and require immunizations, our office also offers a free vaccine program specific for that age group. Please call: 973.680.4058

FIRST CLINIC DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010 10 AM TO 12 NOON CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Public Health Nursing – 973.680.4058

Please visit our website: www.bloomfieldhealth.org

Other clinic dates to follow

H1N1 vaccine available at clinics free of charge