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New Adult Vaccination Programs at Taney County Health Department

International travel and immigration vaccines now available

Are you planning on vacationing abroad or traveling outside the United States as part of a mission trip?
Do you need to update your immunizations for the immigration process?

Recently, the Taney County Health Department was approved to provide international travel and immigration vaccinations, and has expanded the availability of other adult vaccinations. Adult vaccines offered and most often recommended for international travel or immigration include; Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Menactra and Varicella. In addition, the “Shingles” vaccine is now available.

An important part of planning for travel outside the United States is determining if vaccinations are required for the place you will be visiting. For the most up-to-date travel vaccination recommendations, visit the Taney County Health Department website at www.taneycohealth.org for a link to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) travel vaccinations. Some of the vaccines are given in a series or will be ordered upon request; it is advised that you plan well in advance of your departure date to receive vaccines. There are fees charged for these vaccines and appointments are required.

The need for vaccinations doesn't end in childhood. There are vaccines and boosters needed at different ages and for different circumstances to stay healthy. The “shingles” (Herpes Zoster), is a good example of a relatively new vaccine available for adults. This vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age 60 who has had chicken pox. The same virus that causes chicken pox stays in the body and can later resurface as shingles, a painful, blistering rash. Talk with your physician or visit the Taney County Health Department website for recommended adult vaccinations.

“Providing vaccinations is an important role of public health. Our decision to more fully develop the adult vaccination program will benefit the community, by offering easier access to adult vaccines required for international travel and immigration,” said Pam Priest, RN, Clinical Division Manager. “We look forward to serving the community in this capacity.”

Call the Taney County Health Department at (417) 334-4544 Branson or (417) 546-4725 Forsyth, to learn more about the adult vaccination program and fees or to make an appointment.

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