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Public Health offering back-to-school vaccines

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Vaccines for children heading back to school are available this summer at the Comal County Office of Public Health, which will offer extended hours and a special Saturday clinic to accommodate the rush.

The office will close two hours later – at 7 p.m. – Aug. 15, 17, 22 and 24 for parents wishing to make an appointment for their children before school starts. Normal office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Also, the office is partnering with the Texas Medical Association to offer a low-cost “Be Wise, Immunize” vaccine clinic 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Comal County Goodwin Annex, 1297 Church Hill Drive in New Braunfels.

“Vaccines are the safest and most effective way to make sure your child stays healthy as they head back to school,” said Cheryl L. Fraser, Comal County director of public health. “We want to make it as easy as possible to get the immunizations your children need.”

The Aug. 12 clinic is by appointment only, and parents must bring a complete vaccination record for their child. Call 830-221-1150 to make an appointment.

Parents also are encouraged to schedule an appointment for vaccinations during the Office of Public Health’s normal and extended weekday office hours, but walk-ins are welcome.

The Office of Public Health offers a wide range of vaccines for both children and adults. Residents are encouraged to call ahead for cost information, which can vary by vaccine and insurance coverage. The office accepts cash, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare Traditional Part B and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

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