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Public Health offers vaccines for adolescents, teenagers

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County Office of Public Health has vaccines available for teens who need them before starting their next year of school.

All adolescents and teens should receive the following vaccines, said Gwen Mills, Comal County director of public health:

- Meningococcal vaccine is recommended at age 11 or 12, with a booster at age 16.
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is recommended at age 11 or 12, or for any teens who have not received it.
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended at age 11 or 12, with a second dose six to 12 months later. For children age 15 or older, a three-dose regimen is necessary over six months.
- Influenza vaccine is recommended annually.

“Parents or guardians should make sure their children’s vaccinations are up to date as they enter middle school, high school or college,” Mills said. “Rather than scrambling at the last minute, we want parents and guardians to be aware we have these vaccines available now.”

The Office of Public Health typically sees increased traffic over the summer as parents and guardians get ready to send kids back to school and bring their vaccinations up to date.

“Vaccinating your children in the spring or early summer is a great way to keep them healthy and avoid the crowds that we experience before school starts,” Mills said.

The office accepts cash, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare Traditional Part B and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Call 830-221-1150 for cost information and to set up an appointment.

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