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Public Health still offering back-to-school vaccines by appointment during National Immunization Awareness Month

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NEW BRAUNFELS — August is National Immunization Awareness Month, and Comal County’s Office of Public Health is reminding parents and caregivers that back-to-school vaccines are available by appointment, notwithstanding the office’s ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 locally.

The office, located at 1297 Church Hill Drive in New Braunfels, will extend its hours to perform back-to-school immunizations by staying open through lunch Aug. 17-28.

“Our office is open and available to make sure children are caught up on their immunizations,” said Cheryl Fraser, director of public health. “We have social distancing and other protocols in place to make sure those who come into the office can do so safely.”

National Immunization Awareness Month is an initiative of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, celebrating each August the benefits of vaccination and highlighting the importance of vaccines for people of all ages.

The Office of Public Health participates in a pair of programs to help make vaccines affordable for low- and middle-income families:

- Texas Vaccines for Children provides low-cost vaccines to eligible children from birth through 18 years old who are eligible for Medicaid, enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), are American Indian or Alaska Natives, uninsured or underinsured.
- Adult Safety Net provides low-cost vaccines for anyone 19 and older without health insurance.

“Immunizations aren’t just for children,” Fraser said. “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults receive an annual flu vaccine, and they might need a booster for vaccines they received as children. We are here to assist in any way we can to protect our

residents against vaccine-preventable diseases.”

The Office of Public Health offers a wide range of vaccines for both children and adults. Cost can vary by vaccine and insurance coverage. The office accepts cash, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare Traditional Part B and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the office is open by appointment only 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. weekdays, and through lunch from Aug. 17-28, by calling 830-221-1150.

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