

Health officials remind parents about school immunizations

With the start of a new school year just weeks away, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that state law requires kids to be immunized against childhood diseases to enter public or private school, Head Start or daycare.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 95 percent of parents nationwide choose to vaccinate their children, protecting them against potentially deadly diseases.

"There are many options for where to get your vaccinations now, including private medical providers and retail stores," said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. "Regardless of

where you go, it's incredibly important to make sure you're up-to-date on your immunizations. Not only are certain vaccines required for school entry, they are also the best way to protect your child and those around them."

Required vaccinations for children entering school in Mississippi for the first time include: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); polio (IPV); hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); and varicella (chickenpox).

There is also a requirement for children entering seventh grade to receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination.

In addition, human papillomavirus (HPV) and a meningococcal vaccination (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, and a meningococcal vaccination (MCV4) is recommended at age 16 to 18 years.

Parents must provide the school with a Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) from their immunization provider prior to school entry. You may check with your physician or county health department if you have questions about which immunizations your child will need and check with your local county health department about the best dates and times to bring children in for immunizations.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Edwards spent time during the week in Dallas, Texas. It's good to see them back home.

Prayers are for Pat Burrell. He has recently been very sick and in a Jackson hospital.

Judy and Ed Hathcock visited Sunday afternoon in Yazoo City with their daughter Stacy and family.

Mrs. Earnest (Bessie) Easterling of Jackson and Mrs. James (Sara) Pilgrim of Vicksburg spent last weekend with me. Shirley and Jack Ables of Sallis joined us for a meal and visit Saturday night. We felt sad and missed Frankie. She really enjoyed spending time with her sisters. We all do and grieve because she is no longer here.

DURANT NEWS by Rowena Hill

Citizens of this small town are very thankful for the men sent here with their machinery to assist in cleaning the trees and debris from properties and streets. There's still some to be done but as far as the streets go, they are looking much better. I, for one, want to invite and urge each person who lives/visits here to clean the lawns and cut the grass. It's awful where homes and lawns are not attended to. The houses left behind without tenants have overgrown bushes, tall grass, trees and garbage all over is awful. We have a pretty town if all families do their duty and take responsibility for their property.

Joey and Jackie Hill spent the weekend in Stewart with Jodi and Derek May and the grandchildren while Jamie and Warren were away.

Prayers are for Mrs. Billy (Nancy) Irby. She wasn't well Sunday and missed church services. All look forward to healing and being together again next week.

Don't forget the singing and fellowship next Sunday beginning at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Durant.

Former resident and good friend Martin Owens of Alabama recently visited Joey Hill and family while here for the memorial service of his good friend Bill Salley at First Baptist Church in Lexington. It was a pleasure to see and spend time with him again. The Hill family also attended the service and visited briefly with Sandra, Susan and Fran, Bill's

wife.

A bridal shower was held at First Baptist Church fellowship hall last Saturday for Josh Rodgers and his fiancée. Congratulations to you two as you begin your lives together and may God bless you.

On Sunday evening July 30 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a 5th Sunday Singing at First Baptist Church, Durant. Call the church office by Friday at 1:00 p.m. if you are singing.

All continue prayers and best wishes to Mrs. R.E. (Ann) Irby. She hasn't been well for some time and recently underwent surgery. She stayed over with daughter Cathy and sons for some time.

PUBLIC HEARING

HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017, AT 5:00 P. M. IN THE HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUILDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE HOLMES COUNTY APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES FACILITIES PROGRAM AND DISCUSS WHETHER AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WOULD BE INVOLVED.

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