Your Best Shot at Staying Healthy:
Immunizations for Birth through 18 Years

Immunizations are essential to protect children from many devastating diseases. Take a look at the following immunization schedule and make sure your children get all needed immunizations.

Immunization Schedule:

Birth: Hepatitis B (Hep B)

2 months: Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis (DTaP), Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV), Hep B, Haemophilus Influenza (Hib), Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV), Rotovirus

4 months: DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV, Rotavirus

6 months: DTap, Hep B, PCV, Rotavirus, IPV, Influenza *

12 - 15 months: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella (chickenpox), Hib, PCV, Influenza *

12 - 23 months: Hepatitis A (Hep A)   (2 dose series)

15 - 18 months: DTap, Influenza *

4 - 6 years: DTap, IPV, MMR, Varicella, Influenza *

11- 12 years: Tdap (Tetanus booster with Pertussis)**, Meningococcal **, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ***

*   Influenza: Influenza is required in New Jersey for children 6 months to 59 months, attending preschool/daycare.   For all persons after age 6 months and older, it is recommended annually.

**   Tdap and Meningococcal: It is a New Jersey school immunization requirement for all students born after 1/1/97 (age 11 or older) entering 6th grade or higher to have one dose of Tdap and Meningococcal. A booster dose of Meningococcal should be given age 16 -18 years.

***   HPV: All boys and girls 11-12 years old are recommended to receive two doses of HPV vaccine at least six months apart. Anyone who starts the series 15 years old through 26 years old will need three doses to protect against cancer-causing HPV infection.

Vaccines During Pregnancy

- Influenza vaccine should be given for each pregnancy during the influenza season.
- Tdap dose should be given for each pregnancy, ideally between 27 and 36 weeks.

**For more information about the importance of childhood immunizations and/or to make an appointment in Northfield or Hammonton,
contact the Atlantic County Division of Public Health at 609-645-7700, ext. 4500.**