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RE: **Ensure a Healthy Future For Your Teens with Vaccines**

Schools are a prime location for spreading many vaccine-preventable diseases. These diseases can then be spread to children's families and others with whom they come in contact. Vaccines stop the spread of disease. Diseases like meningitis, human papilloma virus (HPV), pertussis (whooping cough), and flu are vaccine preventable and will help keep your teens active and in school. "Parents can send their preteens and teens to middle school and high school – and also off to college – protected from vaccine-preventable diseases by getting the following vaccines," stated Genesee County Health Department Medical Director, Dr. Gary Johnson.

- Meningococcal conjugated vaccine to protect against meningitis and blood infections (septicemia).
- HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine to protect against cancers caused by HPV.
- Tdap vaccine to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whopping cough).
- A yearly flu vaccine to protect against seasonal flu.

If you are unsure of the immunization recommendations for your child, check with your doctor, or call Genesee County Health Department's Burton Health Center to get your vaccination questions answered, or to schedule your child's immunization appointment. The Burton Health Center provides both adult and childhood vaccines. Call to make an afternoon appointment, 810.237.4540 or 810.237.4569. Walk-in service is available, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 to 11 am. If you need an evening appointment, the Center is located at G-3373 S. Saginaw Street in Burton and is open on Thursday until 6:00 pm. Go online: www.gchd.us to request an appointment and to see a list of off-site clinics near you.

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