

# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



## COVID Booster/Back to School

### Back to School —Don't Forget Vaccines!

The law in the State of Iowa requires all preschool and K-12 students attending a public or private school to be up to date with vaccinations **BEFORE** they return to school (or preschool) on the first day. School administrators are required by law to exclude the student until they provide proof of up-to-date vaccinations on an IDPH Certificate of Immunization form. Children entering **kindergarten** must have their 4-year vaccinations, as well as a vision and dental exam. Students entering **7th grade** must have a Meningitis (MCV) vaccine as well as a Tdap vaccine, and those entering **12th grade** must have two meningitis (MCV) vaccines (with one of them received after their 16th birthday).

Let's not forget about COVID-19 vaccines! Although we may be done with COVID-19, it is certainly not done with us. While COVID vaccines are not mandatory, they have been proven to prevent serious illness as well as decrease hospitalizations and death. At the current time, there are approved COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months-18 years old. The best form of protection from COVID-19 is vaccination!

All vaccines are safe and protect our children (and schools/ preschools) from many serious diseases. If your child needs vaccines for school, now is the time! Waiting much longer could make it hard to get an appointment and could result in your child missing those important (and exciting) first days of school. Make plans now to get the vaccines your child needs by calling your child's healthcare provider now or check to see if they qualify for vaccines at the Scott County Health Department by calling 563-326-8618. Remember—It's the Rule—Shots B4 School!



### OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

### OUR VISION:

Scott County —  
A safe and healthy  
community.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, August 18, 2022.*

## Links

- CDC Child Lead FAQs: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faqs/lead-faqs.htm>
- Scott County Health Department Child Lead Program: <https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention>

# Child Blood Lead Testing

## Recommended: Children Receive Blood Lead Testing at 1 and 2 Years of Age

Exposure to lead paint that is peeling, chipping, or dusty, is the most common cause of lead poisoning in young children. Children under the age of 6 are more likely to be affected by lead poisoning because they're still growing. Lead can affect almost every organ and system in a child's body. Lead poisoning cannot be reversed or undone. Children with lead poisoning may develop skills more slowly than other children. Even low levels of lead in children's blood can cause anemia, attention deficit disorders as they grow up, behavioral and learning problems, hearing problems, lower IQ, hyperactivity, and slower growth.

It's important to protect children from lead exposure, so they can grow up healthy. There is no safe blood lead level for children. Even low levels of lead in the blood can affect child's IQ, ability to pay attention, and school success. The effects of lead exposure cannot be corrected. Ask your child's doctor to test your child's lead level at the ages of 1 and 2, or call the Scott County Health Department to schedule a lead test in our clinic.



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