



# Genesee County Health Department

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**RE:** Immunizations for Babies and Young Children

Parents want to do the best for their children, and know that car seats and baby gates are important to keep their children healthy. The same goes for vaccinations. Ensuring that their child's vaccines are received on time is one of the best ways parents can help keep their child healthy. To remind parents about the importance of immunizations and to make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need, the Genesee County Health Department is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Thanks to advances in medical science, parents are able to protect their babies and young children from 14 serious diseases by their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday by vaccinating them on time. Diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children are no longer common in the United States, primarily due to safe and effective vaccines. But children that do not receive the recommended vaccines on time are at-risk for getting the disease or illness, and of having a severe case of that disease or illness. Every dose of vaccine is important to protect babies and young children, as well as their families and community, from illness and disease. For this reason the Genesee County Health Department encourages parents to talk to their child's healthcare provider or our Immunization Clinic to determine if their child is up to date with recommended vaccines.

The Genesee County Health Department offers the vaccines recommended for babies and young children at the Burton Health Center. Our walk-in clinics are offered Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am to 11am. Appointments are offered each afternoon 1pm to 4pm, with evening hours as well. Many insurance plans are accepted. Please call 810-237-4540 for more information, or request an appointment online at [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us). Genesee County Health Department, Better Life Through Better Health.

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