



# The County Pulse

## Quarterly



### National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

While many serious diseases are no longer common in the United States thanks to vaccines, these diseases still exist and can spread when people aren't vaccinated. In August, we observe National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), which honors the dedication of healthcare professionals in safeguarding individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases through timely vaccinations.



### July

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 12 - Saturday Clinic  
\*appointment required\*
- July 28 - World Hepatitis Day

### August

#### National Immunization Awareness Month

- Back to School Month  
-multiple clinics offer -
- Aug. 9 - Walk-In Sat. Clinic  
8:30 am - 10:30 am



### September

- Sept. 1 - Labor Day
- Sept. 6 - Saturday Clinic  
\*appointment required\*
- Sept. 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day
- Sept. 21 - World Alzheimer's Day
- Sept. 28 - World Rabies Day
- Sept. 29 - World Heart Day




**National Immunization Awareness Month**

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# School Start Dates

August 4 -

Lone Oak

August 5 -

Wolfe City ISD

August 7 -

Boles ISD

Campbell ISD

Farmersville ISD

Leonard ISD

August 11 -

Community ISD

Quinlan ISD

Rains ISD

August 12 -

Greenville PTAA

August 13 -

Caddo Mills ISD

Celeste ISD

Greenville ISD

Royse City ISD

August 14 -

Bland ISD

August 18 -

Commerce ISD

August 25 -

Paris Junior College

East Texas A&M University



# Texas Vaccine Requirements

Back-to-school means a long to-do list in a short time. That's why it's smart to make an appointment to get your child immunized now. Whether their heading to daycare, kindergarten, junior high or college, children need all CDC-recommended vaccines.

Each school level has different vaccine requirements for children. Requirements for school-age children and young adults entering college can change yearly.

Please ensure your child has the proper immunizations for the upcoming school year.

Immunizing your child against vaccine-preventable diseases helps prevent outbreaks in their schools and contributes to better health for all children in Texas.

For more information regarding vaccine requirements or exemptions, please visit the following website:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school/requirements>

## Rinsing sinuses

Some germs that grow in water pipes can make you sick if they go up your nose. To avoid getting sick, never use water straight from the tap to rinse your sinuses.

Learn more about safely rinsing sinuses:

[cdc.gov/naegleria/prevention/sinus-rinsing.html](https://www.cdc.gov/naegleria/prevention/sinus-rinsing.html)



Only use distilled or previously boiled (and cooled) water when rinsing sinuses.



[cdc.gov/drinkingwater](https://www.cdc.gov/drinkingwater)



# BACK TO SCHOOL



## VACCINE CLINIC DATES & LOCATIONS:

### Who can be seen?

Children aged 0-18 years with Medicaid or no insurance and adults with no insurance. For those with private insurance, we can see those students going into 7th grade, college, dual credit courses & adults. **We do not accept CHIP insurance.**

### What to bring?

Must bring **printed** copy of most recent, up-to-date shot record, a payment method (cash or card), and/or insurance card. \*\* If a parent will not be accompanying a minor patient, we must have a printed copy of the parent's ID card, along with a letter giving permission, or a printed copy of court documents showing guardianship/custody agreement

#### Hunt County Health Department

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7/28 - 7/30/25: 8:30am - 11am & 1:30pm - 4pm  
7/31/25: 8:30am - 11am  
8/1/25: 8:30am - 10:30am

#### Hunt County Commissioner Courtroom

2700 Johnson Street  
Greenville, TX 75401

8/4 - 8/7/25: 8:30am - 11am & 1:30pm - 4pm  
8/8/25: 8:30am - 11am

#### Hunt County Health Department

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8/9/25: 8:30am - 11:30am  
8/11/25: 8:30am - 11am & 1:30pm - 4pm

#### W. Walworth Harrison Public Library

1 Lou Finney Lane  
Greenville, TX 75401

8/12 - 8/13/25: 10:30am - 4pm

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8/14/25: 8:30am - 11am & 1:30pm - 4pm  
8/15/25: 8:30am - 11am  
8/18 - 8/20/25: 8:30am - 11am & 1:30pm - 4pm





# TRAVELING

Plan ahead because some vaccines require multiple doses.

International travel increases your chances of getting and spreading diseases that are rare or not found in United States. Find out which travel vaccines you may need to help you stay healthy on your trip by visiting [Destinations | Travelers' Health | CDC](#) or giving us a call.



Currently offering:  
 -Yellow fever  
 -Typhoid

Give us a call and schedule those travel vaccines:  
903-455-4433



## The Funny Bone

How many doctors does it take to change a light bulb?

Just one, but they'll need a consult, a second opinion, and ultimately refer you to a specialist!

"I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places!"

I tried playing hide and seek in the hospital, but they kept finding me in the ICU.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDWASHING

- Handwashing is a crucial practice for preventing the spread of germs and illnesses.
- It involves thoroughly cleaning your hands with soap and water, which helps remove dirt, grease, and pathogens like bacteria and viruses.
- Regular handwashing is especially important before and after eating, after using the restroom, after touching potentially contaminated surfaces, and after caring for someone who is sick.
- Consider using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.



Hands that look clean can still have 100,000 germs!

**WASH YOUR HANDS!**

- Wet
- Get Soap
- Scrub
- Rinse
- Dry

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

CDC U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



# VACCINES AREN'T JUST FOR KIDS!

The Texas Department of State Health Services set up a program called Adult Safety Net (ASN) to assist adults without health insurance in getting vaccinated. This helps protect them from diseases that vaccines can prevent. It's crucial for adults to get vaccinated not just for their own health but also to prevent spreading illnesses to others, especially young kids. If you're 19 or older and uninsured, you can access these vaccines at a low cost.



## CURRENT VACCINES AVAILABLE:

- COVID-19 vaccine
- Hepatitis A vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Combination hepatitis A-hepatitis B vaccine - TWINRIX
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine

CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT 903-455-4433.

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

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MENINGOCOCCAL  
PNEUMOCOCCAL  
PREVENTION  
POLIOVIRUS  
DIPHTHERIA  
AWARENESS  
INFLUENZA

ROTAVIRUS  
HEPATITIS  
VARICELLA  
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VACCINE

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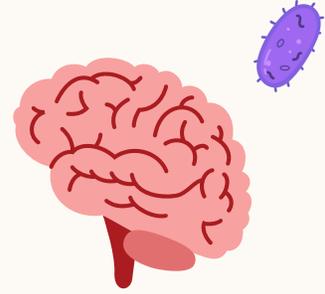


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# Meningococcal Disease



Common symptoms include:



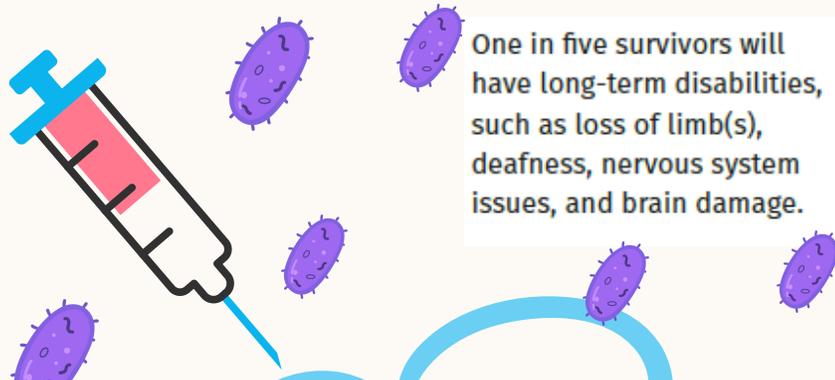
- Fever
- Headache
- Stiff neck

Additional symptoms include:



- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Sensitivity to light
- Confusion

Meningococcal disease refers to any illness caused by bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. The illness leads to an infection that can affect the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream.

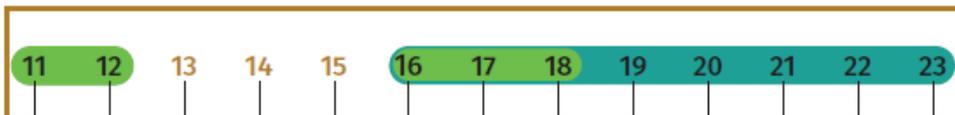


One in five survivors will have long-term disabilities, such as loss of limb(s), deafness, nervous system issues, and brain damage.



**There are vaccines available to help prevent the meningococcal disease.**

There are 6 serogroups that cause the most meningococcal disease worldwide.



## MenACWY

11 to 12-year-olds should get a MenACWY vaccine, with a booster dose at 16 years old.

## MenB

Teens and young adults (16 through 23 years old) may also get a MenB vaccine.

Even with antibiotic treatment, **10-15%** of people with meningococcal disease will die from the disease.



## School Requirements

### 7th–12th grade

Texas requires all students attending grades seventh through twelfth have one dose of the quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) on or after the student turns 11.



### Colleges or universities

Texas requires students under the age of 22 years entering an institution of higher education to show proof of an initial meningococcal vaccine dose or a booster dose during the five years before enrollment.





# FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks are a fun way to make any celebration a spectacular event. But fireworks are not safe specially for children and can cause serious harm including devastating burns and other injuries. Here are some quick safety reminders to keep in mind.

## Tips for Fireworks Safety

★ If possible, attend public firework displays. Leave lighting fireworks to the professionals.

★ Give children glowsticks or flags to wave instead of sparklers.



★ Keep fireworks away from children. Make sure children are a safe distance away from a lit firework site to help avoid injuries and protect their hearing.

★ Have a safety talk with your child(ren). Remind them that, although fireworks are exciting, they can be dangerous and cause harm as well.

## How to Treat Fireworks Injuries

Call 911 immediately if someone is injured from fireworks.

If an eye injury happens:

Do not touch or rub the injured eye as this can cause more damage.

Do not flush the eye out with water.

Do not apply ointment to the eye.

Do cut out the bottom of a paper cup and place it around the eye.

Remember that the actions you take directly after the injury occurs can save your or your child's eyesight. Don't delay treatment!

If someone is burned:

Soak the burned area in cool water as soon as possible.

Remove clothing from the burned area (unless it is firmly stuck to the skin).

Lightly apply a gauze bandage or a clean, soft cloth to the burned area.

Get medical care right away.



**Remember to stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire.**