

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

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IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Upper Sandusky

Mondays
(by appointment)

Tuesdays
4:30 to 6:00 PM

Fridays
9:00 to 11:00 AM

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Carey

April 14, 2008
2:00 to 6:00 PM

Sycamore

April 28, 2008
2:00 to 6:00 PM

Family Planning Clinics

April 17th, 24th,
2008

Teen & Family Clinic

April 9th, 2008

WIC Clinic

Tues-Wed-Thurs
8:30 to 4:30 PM

Call 419-294-3852
for information on other
clinics and services.

Lead Testing

(by appointment)

April may be humor month, but remember; your health is nothing to joke about! That is why Wyandot County Health Department is kicking off the month of April by celebrating Public Health Week, April 7th-13th. News articles will appear in area publications and on the WCHD website on matters of public health.

A relatively new and very important component of public health is the development of a local Medi-

cal Reserve Corps (MRC). Members of the local MRC attended their first meeting on March 20th at Wyandot Memorial Hospital. The local MRC will be a vital resource to area residents in the event of a disaster or emergency in Wyandot County.

April also marks the celebration of infant immunization week, April 19th-26th. WCHD staff has developed "WANTED! INFANTS TO IMMUNIZE!" as the local

theme. Look for posters displaying the theme along with other immunization posters in your community! It is important for everyone, not just infants, to keep current on immunizations!

"Get Ready: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks" was developed by the APHA to help the public prepare for an emergency. For information on this campaign, go to www.getreadyforflu.org.

survey SAYS...

WCHD is always striving to provide quality services to Wyandot County residents. Surveys are conducted periodically in an effort to measure the quality of care that is received at the health department and at other healthcare providers. One survey, completed at the Wyandot County Fair, addressed the health needs of Wyandot County residents, asking questions including whether or not they had a physician, the location

of their physician, and their level of satisfaction with services received at their physician's office. Survey respondents were broken down by age, race, and residency. The majority of people in all age categories stated that they, or their children, had a regular physician with the exception of those between the ages of 20 to 29 years old.

A more recent survey was given to clients visiting health department immu-

nization clinics. Slightly more than half of the persons were between the ages of 18 and 29 years with the balance of people between the ages of 30 to 79 years old. The immunization survey was given to measure client satisfaction.

Nearly 100% of surveyed clients responded that they were satisfied with the care they received and that immunization clinic times and locations were convenient.

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The Wyandot County Health Department is dedicated to the promotion and provision of equal access to affordable preventive health and safety services in order to positively impact the health and well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County.

MMR, Varicella Vaccines

Recently, studies were performed by Merck and the CDC on the safety of the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccines. Preliminary results from Merck and the CDC show an increased risk of febrile seizures from 5 to 12 days after Vaccinating with the combination vaccine, ProQuad vs. vaccinating with MMR and varicella vaccines separately at the same visit. Febrile seizures generally have an excellent prognosis. Most occur in children between the ages of 6 and 59 months, peaking between 14 and 18 months which coincides with the ages when the first MMR and varicella vaccines are recommended.

Based on interim studies by the FDA, ProQuad continues to be safe and effective and its benefits continue to outweigh its risks.

ProQuad vaccine has been administered by Wyandot County Health Department in the past, but the vaccine is currently out of stock and is not expected to be available before 2009. For more vaccine information visit www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vsd/mmr.

FAMILY FUNFAIR

Are you ready for some fun? Come check out the Family Fun Fair at Upper Sandusky High School! The 2008 Family Fun Fair will take place on April 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Kids Are Shining Stars".

Various agencies serving children of all ages will be represented at the annual event. There will be many hands on activities for children up to the age of 8 years, including crafts, games, and kid karaoke!

Displays on nutrition and fitness will be presented along with activities and samples of nutritious snacks.

Childhood safety will be addressed by presenters in the areas of fire safety, water safety, and household poisons. Car seat inspections will be conducted in the high school parking lot from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Bicycle helmets will be made available to children in need, thanks to the generosity of area businesses

and service organizations.

The Family Fun Fair was initiated nine years ago as an opportunity to educate and inform families of services available to them in Wyandot County and the surrounding area. It has grown into a well attended, fun filled morning for both children and adults.

For more Fun Fair information, please call 419-294-6408 or 800-686-2313.

Hope to see you there!