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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**National Infant Immunization Week**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

Immunizations are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children against serious diseases. Because of the success of vaccines in preventing disease in the United States, parents are often unaware that their children are at risk for so many serious and life threatening diseases. During National Infant Immunization Week April 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, parents are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider to ensure that their infant is up-to-date on immunizations.

Each day, nearly 12,000 babies are born in the United States who will need to be immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before the age of two. According to Kay Robertson, Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department Public Health Nurse, "Infants are particularly vulnerable to infectious diseases; that is why it is critical to protect them through immunizations. If your child is not up-to-date on immunizations, he or she could be at risk for serious diseases like mumps, whooping cough, and measles."

In addition, a decision to vaccinate a child will not only protect that individual child, it will also protect the community by reducing the spread of disease to those who have not been vaccinated.

The time for protection is now. The City-County Health Department offers immunizations on a sliding fee scale every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 AM – 4:30 PM. No appointment necessary, simply stop by 1930 Ninth Avenue. For more information, contact Kay Robertson 457-8945, 1-800-CDC-INFO or visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

*The Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of all Lewis & Clark County residents.*

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