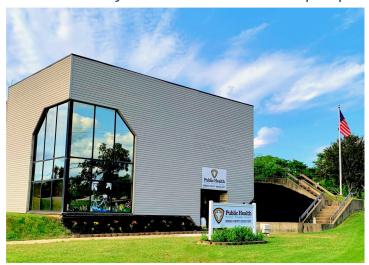
MCHD HEALTH BLOG

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IMMUNIZATIONS PROTECT OUR INFANTS

This week we would like to highlight the important role that vaccinations play in protecting the health of our children and families. We would also like to remind parents of the importance of staying up to date with routinely recommended vaccines following disruptions that were experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a parent, you want to protect your little one from harm. Vaccinating your child according to the recommended immunization schedule gives him or her the best protection against 14 serious childhood illnesses — like measles and whooping cough — before the age of 2.

Are your children's recommended vaccinations up to date? We encourage you to make sure your child is up to date on vaccines by making sure that they haven't missed any check-ups. Well-child visits are important. Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. Vaccines help protect both individuals and communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

We recommend checking with your child's healthcare provider to make sure your child is up to date on their shots. If you find that they are in need of recommended vaccinations or you have any questions, please reach out to our office at 740-962-4572. Our clinic offers childhood vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program. To see if you qualify for this program, please call our office and ask to speak with the nursing department.

Visit <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/</u> for recommended 2023 vaccine schedules and more. At the Morgan County Health Department, we believe the greatest wealth of a community is the health of the people.