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GET BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

No-cost immunizations for children age 4-18 and COVID-19 vaccines for all eligible children and adults

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – Shelby County Health Department has teamed up with community partners, including Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, UT Health Science Center, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Latino Memphis and MATA to provide immunizations needed for school entry at the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education at 160 S. Hollywood Street on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“Vaccination is a critical part of preventative health care, especially for children,” said Dr. Michelle Taylor, director, Shelby County Health Department. “Vaccinations not only protect children against deadly diseases, such as polio, tetanus, and diphtheria, but they also keep others safe by eliminating or greatly decreasing the spread of infectious disease from child to child. I strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to get their children up to date on immunizations at no cost.”

Families may sign up for an appointment time online at www.lebonheur.org/vaccines, but appointments are not required. Walk-ins will be served on a first come, first served basis. Parents are encouraged to bring their child’s vaccination records with them, but if they cannot locate records, we can look them up online.

MATA will also offer free bus passes at the event to assist families with transportation.

Additional immunization events for children are planned for later in the summer, including:

- **July 16, 2022** – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
All ages – MSCS Teaching Learning Academy – 2485 Union Ave.
- **July 23, 2022** – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
All ages – MSCS Teaching Learning Academy – 2485 Union Ave.

- **August 6, 2022** – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
All ages – MSCS Teaching and Learning Academy – 2485 Union Ave.

For more information, visit: <https://shelbytnhealth.com/563/2022-Back-to-School-Immunization-Drive>.

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