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Immunization Needed for Children

Madelia, Minn. – With school starting soon, the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is reminding parents to make sure that their child is current on all necessary immunizations. In 2014, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) adopted new immunization rules that pertain to children who enroll in Minnesota childcare, early childhood programs and schools.

“Childhood vaccinations protect children and communities from a number of potentially serious diseases and are an important part of keeping our citizens healthy,” said Dr. Owadini Bandara.

Children in child care and grades preK-12 now call for:

- Hepatitis A and B vaccination for children enrolling in child care or early childhood programs.
- Tetanus-diphtheria and pertussis (T-dap) vaccination.
- Meningococcal vaccination for secondary students, beginning in seventh grade.

The MDH is also recommending that all boys and girls starting at 11 years of age (about 7th grade) receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunization. This vaccine, given in a series of three shots, prevents most cervical cancer and certain other types of cancers.

Several newer vaccines may not have been available when your older children were preteens. If you have any questions about your child’s immunization needs, check with your doctor. Appointments for physicals or immunizations can be made at the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic by calling 507.642.5200.

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About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of physicians and medical professionals that are profoundly committed to providing health care of the highest standards to Madelia and surrounding communities. As a 25-bed critical access hospital, we offer all the primary health services including: medical/surgical care, swing bed, home care, radiology, emergency care, urgent care, direct access laboratory and physical therapy, and more. Our attached family medical clinic provides care for acute illnesses, minor injuries, chronic disease management, physicals and immunizations, and preventive care for patients of all ages. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care system,

which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.