



# ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **St. Clair County Health Department to offer Adult Immunization Clinics starting February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Immunizations are available for adults who are not insured or who are under-insured*

**Belleville, IL – February 9, 2023 - The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD)** will be offering low-cost Adult Immunization Clinics starting February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 specifically targeted to adults 19 years old and older who do not have health insurance or for those who have health insurance but does not cover the cost of immunizations (proof required). Clinic appointments will be available every Monday & Tuesday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the health department. Appointments are necessary and can be set by calling 618-233-6170 Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm, during regular hours.

Available vaccines include Varicella (Chickenpox), Shingrix (Shingles), Havrix-A (Hep A) Adult, Gardasil (HPV), Engerix-B (Hep-B) Adult, Boostrix (T-dap) and MMR II (Measles, Mumps & Rubella). Vaccines are \$20 each. Immunization Evaluations are \$15 per visit. If the cost of any vaccine listed above is prohibitive, hardship cases will be considered.

Adults need certain vaccines throughout life to help prevent them from getting and spreading serious diseases that could result in poor health, missed work, medical bills, and not being able to care for family. Adults may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable disease due to their age, job, lifestyle, travel, or health conditions. Furthermore, protection from some childhood vaccines can wear off over time. In addition to getting a seasonal flu (influenza) vaccine every year, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommends every adult get a **Tdap** vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a **Td** (tetanus, diphtheria) or Tdap booster shot every 10 years. In addition, women should get the Tdap vaccine each time they are pregnant, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks, to help protect their newborn from pertussis. Any adult who cares for an infant should be up-to-date on their Tdap booster as infants are most at risk for severe, life-threatening complications from pertussis. The



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CDC's Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years and older can be found [here](#) and guidelines for regularly recommended vaccines can be found [here](#).

The health department continues to offer FREE COVID-19 vaccines and boosters per [CDC guidelines](#) and FREE Flu vaccine to adults 18 years and older. COVID-19 vaccine currently being offered include Pfizer and Moderna Monovalent vaccines and Pfizer (age 6 months and older) and Moderna (age 6 months and older) [Bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for boosters](#). People ages 6 months and older should receive one updated (bivalent) booster, if they are [eligible](#), including those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

## About the St. Clair County Health Department

The St. Clair County Health Department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in St. Clair County. Learn more about the St. Clair County Health Department at <https://scchealthdept.com/>. For more information, please contact Brenda Fedak at [brenda.fedak@co.st-clair.il.us](mailto:brenda.fedak@co.st-clair.il.us) or via office phone at 618-233-7703 ext. 4420.

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