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**Brown County Public Health Department to hold special immunization Clinics May 2 & 9, 2011.**

Brown County Public Health will have special immunization clinics **for a limited time while supply last**. Vaccines to be offered are meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis and varicella. These vaccines will be available now through May 10, 2011. The special clinics will be held May 2 & May 9, 2011 from 2-4 pm or by calling 217-773-2714 for an appointment. There will be a ten dollar administration fee for each injection regardless of VFC-eligibility status (insurance will not be assessed). Students who are in the grades 5 through 12 are eligible for these vaccines. If you have questions please call the health department at 217-773-2714.

**Meningococcal vaccine** for ages 11-18 years

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness. It is a leading cause of **bacterial meningitis** in children 2 through 18 years old in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

**Tdap, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine** for ages 11-18 years.

**TETANUS (Lockjaw)** causes painful muscle spasms, usually all over the body.

It can lead to tightening of the jaw muscles so the victim cannot open his mouth or swallow. Tetanus kills about 1 out of 5 people who are infected.

**DIPHTHERIA** causes a thick covering in the back of the throat.

It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death.

**PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough)** causes severe coughing spells, vomiting, and disturbed sleep. It can lead to weight loss, incontinence, rib fractures and passing out from violent coughing. Up to 2 in 100 adolescents and 5 in 100 adults with pertussis are hospitalized or have complications, including pneumonia.

These three diseases are all caused by bacteria. Diphtheria and pertussis are spread from person to person. Tetanus enters the body through cuts, scratches, or wounds. • It can lead to tightening of the jaw muscles so the victim cannot open his mouth or swallow. Tetanus kills about 1 out of 5 people who are infected. • It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death. • It can lead to weight loss, incontinence, rib fractures and passing out from violent coughing. Up to 2 in 100 adolescents and 5 in 100 adults with pertussis are hospitalized or have complications, including pneumonia.

**Varicella vaccine** for ages 13 or older (who have never had chickenpox or received the chickenpox vaccine)

**Chickenpox** (also called varicella) is a common childhood disease. It is usually mild, but it can be serious, especially in young infants and adults.

- It can lead to severe skin infection, scars, pneumonia, brain damage, or death.
- Before the vaccine, about 11,000 people were hospitalized for chickenpox each year in the United States.
- Before the vaccine, about 100 people died each year as a result of chickenpox in the United States.