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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**School Vaccine Drive-Thru's Available First Week of June**

Cleveland County Public Health Center is partnering with Cleveland County Schools to provide required immunizations for rising 7th and 12th graders

SHELBY, NC – May 19, 2020– The Cleveland County Public Health Center is partnering with Cleveland County Schools to provide drive-thru vaccine clinics to help ensure rising seventh and twelfth grade students have access to vaccines that are required to enter school next year.

North Carolina law requires students entering the seventh grade to be up-to-date on all the vaccines required for kindergarten entry. In addition, students need one dose of Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Students entering the twelfth grade must be up-to-date on all vaccines required for kindergarten and seventh grade entry. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, twelfth graders are required to have a booster dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine. North Carolina law provides for some exemptions to these requirements in certain cases.

Drive-thru vaccine clinics for each Cleveland County school zone will be provided according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, June 2:
Crest High School
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 3:
Shelby High School
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Thursday, June 4:
Burns Middle School
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Friday, June 5:
Kings Mountain Intermediate School
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

“We recognize that COVID-19 has made it more difficult for parents to access necessary immunizations for their children. In an effort to help ensure students are prepared to start school next year with their required vaccines, we are partnering with Cleveland County Schools to provide these drive-thru vaccine clinics,” said DeShay Oliver, Deputy Director, Cleveland County Public Health Center. “Providing these vaccines in a drive-thru setup not only makes it convenient for parents, but also helps to decrease risk of potential exposure to COVID-19 by operating outside and allowing participants to remain in their vehicles,” Oliver added.

Want to speed up the process? Pre-registration information will be e-mailed to all Cleveland County Schools’ rising seventh and twelfth graders. While pre-registration is not required, it is encouraged. A parent signature is required for all vaccines provided to students under the age of sixteen. Please bring proof of insurance/Medicaid if available for all students receiving a vaccine.

For more information or questions, you may contact the Cleveland County Public Health Center School Health Program at 980-484-5211. For more information on NC required school immunizations, please visit: <https://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/k-12.htm>

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