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New Preteen Vaccination Recommendations

Woodland, CA—Preteen Vaccination Week is January 21-28, 2007. During this time, parents are encouraged to become aware of new preteen vaccination recommendations.

“Keeping our young people healthy and safe is one of our top priorities,” said Dr. Bette Hinton, Yolo County Health Officer. “Preteen Vaccine Week is an opportunity to increase awareness of new vaccine recommendations.”

This year, Preteen Vaccine Week is stressing the importance of regular visits to the doctor during the preteen and adolescent years. Regular doctor visits are one of the best ways to keep our young people healthy.

The preteen doctor visit is also an opportunity for 11- and 12-year-olds to get the vaccines they need, including meningococcal vaccine, a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster, a second chickenpox shot (if they have never had chickenpox), and the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls.

The recently licensed HPV vaccine protects girls and women against the two types of HPV which are responsible for 70 percent of all cervical cancer. The vaccine is given as three shots over six months, and can be given at the same time as the meningococcal, Tdap, and chickenpox shots.

“California’s youth are our greatest asset, and protecting their health is our responsibility,” said Dr. Hinton. “Ensuring they see a doctor regularly not only protects their health today, but it also teaches them the importance of good health for the future.”

For more information, please visit www.GetImmunizedCA.org. Or call the Yolo County Health Department at (530) 666-8645.

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