

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Superintendent:

New federal guidelines that restrict the use of federally funded vaccines take effect October 1, 2012. Under these guidelines, the Allegheny County Health Department will only be able to provide free vaccine to children if they are uninsured, have Medicaid or are an American Indian or Alaskan Native.

The guidelines only allow the Health Department to use federal funds to provide free vaccine to children in the groups listed above and require anyone who is covered by insurance to obtain vaccine through their health care provider.

These changes do not affect requirements that students receive required vaccines. We would appreciate your assistance in informing parents in your school district of these changes so they can contact their regular health care provider if vaccines are needed for them to remain in school.

The Health Department's vaccination clinic will continue to provide vaccines that are required for school to children that are uninsured, have Medicaid or are an American Indian or Alaskan native. The clinic located at 3441 Forbes Avenue, Oakland, is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Wednesdays, from 1 to 8 p.m. There is free parking available after 4:30 p.m. in the lot behind 3333 Forbes Avenue. No appointment is necessary.

We appreciate your assistance and support in helping us to implement these new federal guidelines

Sincerely,

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