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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES EXTENDED “BACK TO SCHOOL” HOURS FOR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Expanded Effort to Serve Students Who Need Required Vaccinations

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** was today joined by **Barbara Deane-Williams**, Superintendent of the Rochester City School District to announce extended hours for the County’s Immunization Clinic located at 111 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620. Extended hours at the clinic are intended to serve students who are at-risk of being withheld from school for not having the proper vaccinations.

“Following the required rules and procedures regarding school vaccinations is one of the most important precautions a parent can take to protect their children and our community’s well-being,” said **Dinolfo**. *“We have extended clinic hours to make it even easier for parents and guardians to take advantage of these opportunities for children who will need to receive vaccinations in order to remain in the classroom and have a healthy school year.”*

Beginning Thursday, September 15th and continuing through Thursday, September 22nd, the extended clinic hours will welcome walk-ins on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Appointments will be available on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Most vaccinations are provided at no-cost through age 18. Parents are urged to bring any health insurance cards and letters received from school about missing shots.

New York State requires students be immunized in accordance with the timeline set forth by the State’s Department of Health. Students entering Kindergarten are required to obtain five vaccines: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), Varicella (chickenpox), MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), Hepatitis B, and Polio. Students who do not have the proper vaccines can be excluded from school because they are at increased risk to contract vaccine-preventable diseases and can spread those diseases to others in the classroom and community.

“This change is making it more convenient for city families to get the immunizations needed to help protect the health of our children without missing instructional time,” said **Deane-Williams**. *“We appreciate the many other ways Monroe County helps our schools to create a learning environment where children are healthy and ready to learn.”*

Parents can contact their school or doctor to determine what, if any vaccines their child requires. For more information on the clinic, please contact the Monroe County Department of Public Health at 753-5150.

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