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Parents Asked to Immunize On Time Every Time
-- 200 Families to Receive Activity Bags April 27-May 1 --

PENSACOLA – The first 200 families who bring their infants (under age two years) into the Escambia County Health Department for immunizations April 27-May 1 will get an activity bag for their family as well as helpful information about immunizing their child on time. To make an appointment, parents can call the Health Department at 595-6554.

“Delaying immunizations means that a child may receive seven or more shots in one visit, which can increase anxiety for both parents and children,” said Health Department Director and pediatrician Dr. John Lanza. “We encourage parents to immunize on time, every time.”

During National Infant Immunization Week, which is April 25-May 2, the health department reminds all parents to:

1. Keep an immunization record and update it after every doctor visit.
2. Ask their doctor whether their child is up-to-date on immunizations.
3. If they fall behind on their child’s immunization schedule, talk with their doctor about combination vaccines. This can reduce the number of shots that a child receives in a single visit.

Immunizations need to begin at birth; most vaccinations are completed by age two years. When parents immunize on time, they protect their child from being infected and prevent the infection of other children at school and child care centers.

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