



# Cochise Health & Social Services

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"Building A Healthier Future"

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Help Protect the Children of Cochise County Back-to-School Immunization Clinics Begin July 19, 2013

Cochise Health and Social Services is pleased to announce six vaccination clinics for all school-age children in need of required immunizations in order to attend school. All vaccines required for school attendance will be available. Parents or guardians are reminded to be sure to bring the child's immunization record and, if applicable, the child's insurance card to the clinic. Shots will be given on a walk-in (first-come, first-served) basis.

All vaccinations will be administered with no fees assessed at the time of service. For children with current insurance coverage under AHCCCS or private insurance plans, those insurance plans will be billed directly. No child will be turned away due to lack of insurance coverage or inability to pay.

For parents interested in obtaining optional but recommended vaccines, appointments may be made for regularly scheduled immunization clinics by calling your local Health Department location.

### Why are back to school immunizations so important?

Immunizations are required for school attendance in the United States. Due to the diligence of vaccination, smallpox was eradicated in 1977, and the Americas were declared polio-free in 1994. The historic reduction in frequency and severity of vaccine preventable diseases is directly attributable to increased vaccination rates.

Immunization is one of the most important things a parent can do to protect their children's health. Today we can protect children from 14 serious diseases. Failure to vaccinate may mean putting children at risk for serious diseases.

### Cochise Health & Social Services clinic schedule

All clinics will run from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the dates indicated below:

Willcox Clinic                      Friday, July 19, 2013  
450 S. Haskell Ave.  
520 384 7100

Douglas Clinic                      Tuesday, July 23, 2013  
1012 N. G Avenue  
520 805 5600

Sierra Vista Clinic                Wednesday, July 24, 2013 **and**  
4115 E. Foothills Dr.              Wednesday, July 31, 2013  
520 803 3900

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| <b>Douglas:</b>      | 1012 N. G. Avenue, Suite 101, Douglas, AZ 85607 | Phone: 520-805-5600 | Fax: 520-364-5453 |
| <b>Sierra Vista:</b> | 4115 E. Foothills Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635   | Phone: 520-803-3900 | Fax: 520-459-8195 |
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Benson Clinic  
126 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
520 586 8200

Friday, July 26, 2013

Bisbee Clinic  
1415 Melody Lane, Bldg. A  
520 432 9400

Friday, August 2, 2013

Remember, everyone benefits from having all the county's children immunized against deadly diseases. Prevention is the key to eradicating them from our community. For more information about vaccines for children, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/parent-questions.html>.

## About Cochise Health and Social Services

Cochise Health and Social Services promotes health and quality of life for all Cochise County residents through education, service and leadership. For more information, please visit our website at <http://cochise.az.gov/health> or our Facebook page.

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