



# Cochise Health & Social Services

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Days and Times for County Immunization Clinics

Cochise Health and Social Services is pleased to announce new clinic days and times for children's and adult's vaccines. These changes will ensure immunization services will be regularly available at all five clinic locations to reduce vaccine-preventable diseases in Cochise County.

### New Cochise Health & Social Services Clinic Schedule

Children's immunization clinics will run from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every week on the days indicated below. Once each month, late clinics will follow regularly scheduled clinics from 4:00pm to 6:00 pm.

CLINIC LOCATION	CHILDRENS IMMUNIZATIONS	ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS
Benson 126 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St. 520 586 8200	Wednesdays Late Clinic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month	Tuesdays 8:00am to 11:00am
Bisbee 1415 Melody Lane, Bldg. A 520 432 9400	Tuesdays Late Clinic 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month	Mondays 8:00am to 11:00am
Douglas 1012 N. G Avenue 520 805 5600	Wednesdays Late Clinic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month	Tuesdays 8:00am to 11:00am
Sierra Vista 4115 E. Foothills Dr. 520 803 3900	Mondays Late Clinic 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month	Tuesdays 8:00am to 11:00am
Willcox 450 S. Haskell Ave. 520 384 7100	Tuesdays Late Clinic 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month	Mondays 8:00am to 11:00am

Children's immunizations are administered by appointment only -- please call your local health clinic location for available dates and times. Walk-in services are offered during the late clinic hours. 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 (*at this time we are unable to provide immunizations for children covered by private insurance plans in Bisbee and Douglas clinics, but those services are available in Benson, Willcox, and Sierra Vista*).

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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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Limited adult immunizations are provided without charge on a walk-in basis (first come-first served) to un- and under-insured populations. Residents are encouraged to call the closest health clinic to determine their eligibility for subsidized vaccines.

## US Measles Cases Spike in 2014

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. is experiencing a record number of measles cases this year. From January 1 to June 6, 2014 there were 397 confirmed measles cases reported to the CDC (compared to fewer than 200 reported cases for all of 2013). This is the highest number of cases since measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000. The majority of the people who got measles are unvaccinated. Measles is still common in many parts of the world including some countries in Europe, Asia/Pacific, and Africa, and travelers with measles continue to bring the disease into the U.S. Measles can spread when it reaches a community where groups of people remain unvaccinated.

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

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>.

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## About Cochise Health and Social Services

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, 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>. Recent media releases may be viewed at <http://cochise.az.gov/healthnews>.

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