



TWO VACCINES - ONE CLINIC!

Meningococcal (to prevent Meningitis) Ages 11 - 21

- For youth entering sixth grade who have not yet received the meningococcal vaccine, and are at least 11 years of age
- For college-bound students who will be living in a dormitory and have not been vaccinated OR were vaccinated at 12 and require a booster before entering college

Tdap: Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis - Ages 11 - 64

- For adolescents and adults who have not received a dose of Tdap or whose vaccination status is unknown - a single dose of Tdap is recommended
- For adults who have not been previously vaccinated and have close contact with infants less than 12 months of age



DON'T WAIT UNTIL AUGUST! TWO CLINIC DATES REMAINING!

Tuesday, June 7th
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Branchburg Central
Middle School
220 Baird Road Branchburg

Wednesday, June 15th
3:00 – 6:00 pm
Bernards Twp. Comm. Center,
289 South Maple Ave
Basking Ridge

Residents in the greater Somerset County area can attend any clinic!
\$10 donation per vaccine is requested

**For more information, or
to schedule an appointment
online, visit
www.greatersomersethealth.org
OR Call: 908-204-2520**



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Sponsored by the Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership: Bernards Twp. Health Dept., Branchburg Twp. Health Dept., Bridgewater Twp. Health Dept., Hillsborough Twp. Health Dept., Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission; Montgomery Twp. Health Dept., Somerset County Health Dept., and other public health organizations serving the greater Somerset County area



Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership

For More Information:

Cynthia Weaver, Health Officer
Chair, GSPHP
Branchburg Township Health Department
Phone: 908-526-1300

Release Date:

May 16, 2011

Two Vaccines, One Clinic: Tdap and Meningococcal Vaccines Available to Teens and Adults

There are two remaining vaccinations clinics for the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and Meningococcal vaccines, sponsored by the Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership (GSPHP). The group, which consists of 13+ local public health organizations serving the greater Somerset county area, will be providing the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine to adolescents and adults ages eleven through sixty-four years at two locations in Somerset County. In addition, the GSPHP is providing the vaccine that prevents Meningitis to teens entering sixth grade and college-bound students who will be living in dorms, and still need the shot. A \$10.00 donation is requested for each vaccine.

“We are offering the Tdap vaccine again because our local health departments continue to receive requests from the community for it,” said Cynthia Weaver, Branchburg Health Officer and Chair of the GSPHP. She adds that “while pertussis primarily affects children, more and more adults are being diagnosed, as their childhood vaccinations wane. There is an even greater concern if the infected adult cares for or lives with infants less than twelve months old, who may not yet be fully protected.” Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a highly contagious disease involving the respiratory tract. It is caused by a bacterium that is found in the mouth, nose and throat of an infected person. It can be spread through the air, when the infected person coughs or sneezes on another, and close contact.

The Tdap vaccine will be available for ages eleven through sixty-four. Note that this vaccine is required for adolescents before they enter sixth grade.

The vaccine to prevent bacterial meningitis is recommended for youth ages 11 – 21 years of age, and, like the Tdap vaccine, is most commonly given to adolescents entering 6th grade, or young adults entering college and planning to live in a dorm, where the risk for meningitis increases.

(more)

Tdap & Meningococcal Vaccines

(Continued)

“Bacterial meningitis is a contagious and serious illness, and occurs most frequently among teens and college students living in dorms. If a child was vaccinated in sixth grade, and will be living on a college campus in September, the meningitis vaccine is strongly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as it will serve as a booster,” said Alyce Brophy, CEO of Community VNA.

Further information about who is eligible to receive the vaccine can be found on the group’s website at www.greatersomersethealth.org, and residents are encouraged to discuss their immunization status with their healthcare provider.

Two remaining community clinics, where both the Tdap and Meningitis vaccine will be available, are scheduled for the following dates: Tuesday, June 7th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Branchburg Central Middle School, 220 Baird Road Branchburg; and on Wednesday, June 15th, 3:00 – 6:00 pm in the Bernards Township Community Center, 289 South Maple Avenue in Basking Ridge. The clinics are open to those living in the greater Somerset County area, and appointments for any of these three clinics can be scheduled online, by visiting www.greatersomersethealth.org, or by calling 908-204-2520. If you have questions regarding whether or not your child should receive either of these vaccines, please contact your healthcare provider or the Community VNA at 908-725-9355.

Both Community VNA, based in Somerville, and the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills are staffing the vaccination clinics. Because of the American Recovery and Investment Act, each of these vaccines can be provided at very low cost to community members. A donation of ten dollars per vaccine is requested.

The Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership sponsored the H1N1 vaccination clinics in the greater Somerset county area, vaccinating over 26,000 members of the greater Somerset County area. Visit the GSPHP website at www.greatersomersethealth.org for more details.

###