

Immunizations are done every Tues. in Gunnison at the Public Health office (225 N. Pine St.) call 641-7907 for an appointment. The first Wed. of the month the immunization nurse travels to Crested Butte and does immunizations at Town Hall. The cost is \$14 per immunization. Public Health accepts Medicaid and CHP+ and will give immunizations regardless of ability to pay. Hours are 8:15-4:30pm. During the spring 2012 there will be an additional day for Kindergarten shots (date not set yet) and in Aug. There will be an additional school immunization day also.

Infants typically need shots at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 1 year, 15 months, and 18 months.

Kindergarteners usually need 3 immunizations (MMR, Varicella and a combined DTap and Polio). Children entering 6th grade are required to have a tdap booster, but are recommended to also have a meningococcal (meningitis), Hep A (if not received already), and HPV (Human Papillomavirus).

Parents, grandparents and all frequent contacts of infants are also recommended to get a tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) booster if they have not had one in the past 5 years.

Here are some reliable immunization resources for parents:

www.immunize.org
www.vaccine.chop.edu
www.vaccineinformation.org
www.immunizeforgood.com

Books:

"Vaccines and Your Child: Separating Fact from Fiction" by Paul A. Offitt, MD and Charlotte A. Moser (Share2011)

"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Immunizations" by Michael Joseph Smith, MD, M.S.C.E and Laurie Bouch (Penguin Books, 2010)

"Deadly Choices: How the Anti-Vaccine Movement Threatens Us All" by Paul A. Offitt, M.D. (Basic Books, 2010)

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