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School vaccines to be offered at North Port Back to School Resource Fair on Saturday, Aug. 13

The Sarasota County Health Department will offer school vaccines for those entering kindergarten through grade 12 at no charge to parents during the North Port Back to School Resource Fair. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Morgan Family Community Center, 6207 W. Price Boulevard, North Port.

Parents must accompany their children to the fair, and are reminded to bring previous shot records. The Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH 680), which is the official record showing that a school-age child has all the immunizations needed for that grade level, will be provided to those receiving school immunizations that day.

“Parents of children who will be entering schools in Sarasota County for the first time must provide the school office with a completed Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680) before the first day of school,” says School Health Supervisor Linda Glover of the Sarasota County Health Department.

The North Port Back to School Resource Fair also will feature other health-related services, including free vision screening provided by the North Port Lion’s Club as well as height, weight and blood pressure checks, and free school physicals for children who have no medical insurance and are new to the Florida school system. No sports physicals will be offered.

The Sarasota County Health Department also will have information on hand washing, dental care, immunizations, and medical and dental services available at its North Port Health Center. Other local services providers will have exhibits and information.

This free event is sponsored by the city of North Port Division of Social Services, Early Bird Kiwanis of North Port, Westcoast Printing, Sarasota County School Board and other community partners, including the Sarasota County Health Department.

For more information about the event, contact the North Port Social Services Division at 941-429-3700. For questions about a child’s school immunization needs, call the School Health Office at 941-927-9000, ext. 32101.

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