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## **County Health Departments Announce Special Back to School Immunization Clinics**

Vaccination can protect against 14 serious childhood diseases, including measles, influenza (flu), tetanus, polio, and whooping cough (pertussis). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), among children born between 1994 and 2018, vaccination will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 deaths over their lifetimes. **But vaccines do not work unless they are used.**

COVID-19 seems to have consumed our attention the last several months. As parents and students prepare to return to school, the county health department will be providing dedicated times beginning Aug 3 – Aug 7 for children to get up to date on their required childhood immunizations. The recent COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the wide-reaching impact of a disease that is not easily treated or prevented without a vaccine.

Parents must bring a valid ID, insurance if applicable, and accompany all children under 18 years of age. Precautions are being taken to protect both patients and staff, including; using masks, screening patients and taking temperatures onsite as well as practicing physical distancing in the waiting areas.

Childhood immunizations remain a vital measure of public health. For specific clinic hours, please see below.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Comanche</b>	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6	12-5
<b>Jackson</b>	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6	12-5
<b>Kiowa</b>	3-6	3-6		3-6	1-5
<b>Cotton</b>		3-6		3-6	1-5
<b>Greer</b>	3-6		3-6	3-6	1-5
<b>Harmon</b>	3-6	3-6		3-6	
<b>Elk City</b>	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6	1-5
<b>Sayre</b>	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6	1-5
<b>Caddo</b>	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6	1-5
<b>Tillman</b>	3-6		3-6		1-5