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SUBJECT: VACCINATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued vaccine requirements for adults who plan to travel outside the United States and recommendations for routine immunizations for all adults. All adults should have completed the following primary series:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine: At least 1 dose given on or after 12 months of age.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Acellular Pertussis (DTAP) Vaccine: 4-5 doses until age 7. After age 7, 1 dose of adult tetanus and diphtheria (Td) adult type every 10 years.
- Polio Vaccine: At least 3 doses; inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) is currently recommended for routine immunization in the United States.
- Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib): 3 or 4 doses depending on brand; not routinely recommended after 5 years.
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses.
- Varicella Vaccine: 2 doses if 13 years or older (for persons who have never had chicken pox).
- Pneumococcal Vaccine: Recommended for adults 65 or older and for other high risk individuals.

Influenza vaccine has been ordered for Oak Ridge Operations, Y-12 Area Office, and Office of Scientific and Technical Information employees. It is not expected to arrive until early November. The tetanus vaccine will be in short supply for the remainder of this year, and well into 2002, due to a major supplier no longer making the vaccine.

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) serves as the Immunization Center for the local commuting area. All of these vaccines, including those for cholera, yellow fever, and lyme disease are available from the KCHD Immunization Division. If you questions about the vaccines, please call the KCHD at 215-5150 or Iris Housley, R.N. at (865) 576-0682.



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