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CITY OF MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROMOTES SCHOOL READINESS

Health Fairs enable children in the city to get a healthier start this school year.

The City of Milwaukee Health Department is celebrating the first annual Milwaukee Child Health Week by hosting not one, but TWO health fairs!

Free immunizations and school supplies will be given to students who attend the 9th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair on Friday, August 14, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at South Division High School, 1515 West Lapham Boulevard. The second event will be held on August 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Fitzsimonds Boys and Girls Club, located at 3400 W. North Avenue. The August 15 fair is held in partnership with the Milwaukee Urban League.

Both events are sponsored by United Healthcare, Managed Health Services and the generous support of the Stark Hospital Foundation.

“Milwaukee Child Health Week and the health fair are great opportunities for parents to get the tools they need to ensure their children are adequately prepared for the upcoming school year,” said Mayor Tom Barrett.

For the past eight years, the Health Department has worked with several community partners to offer free childhood immunizations, health screenings, lead poisoning prevention information and health care and safety information to students in the area. This free event is the largest of its kind in the City of Milwaukee.

“The Back to School Health Fair is a great opportunity for parents to have many of their children’s health needs addressed and their questions answered by medical, dental, safety and law enforcement experts in a one-stop-shop setting,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan Baker. “Back-to-School means more than just backpacks and books, you’ve got to get ready with proper medical, dental and vaccine health, too.”

Children must be accompanied by an adult to receive the school supplies, which will be available on a first-come first-served basis while supplies last. Parents are asked to bring a copy of their child’s immunization record.

Free lunch and entertainment will also be provided.

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