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Wipe Out the Whoop Wednesdays

**Free Immunizations to Recognize Immunization Awareness Month**

The Marion County Health Department will be providing free Tdap- tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccines during the month of August. August is National Immunization Awareness Month.

“We are able to give free Tdap vaccines as part of a special project from the State of Oregon’s Immunization Program,” explained Marion County Immunization Coordinator Kelly Martin. “Pertussis or whooping cough is still circulating in our community,” she noted. “Marion County has had several cases over the past six months. Pertussis could have serious consequences including a cough that lasts up to eight weeks, seizures and even death,” she said.

Martin noted that 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be required to have this vaccine for school year 2008-2009. She added that adults, by becoming vaccinated and protecting themselves could help protect our most vulnerable population, infants and young children.

Marion County Health Department will be holding special Wipe Out the Whoop Wednesdays clinics Wednesdays, August 6, 13 and 20, giving free Tdap vaccines. This will be by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 503-588-5342. The vaccine is licensed for people ages 10-64. There should be at least 2 years between receiving a Tdap vaccine and your last Tetanus shot.

The Marion County Health Department is located at 3180 Center Street in Salem.

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