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**SANTA ROSA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS IMMUNIZATIONS  
AT LATE NIGHT CLINICS**

**Milton, FL** - The Santa Rosa County Health Department would like to remind parents that immunizing children is safe, simple and one of the best ways to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. It is recommended that by the time a child turns two they should receive vaccines that can protect them from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases including, pertussis (commonly called "whooping cough"), polio and measles.

In a January 2011 assessment conducted by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunizations, the Santa Rosa County Health Department exceeded a national and state goal to fully immunize 90 percent of children by the age of two. "Our immunization rate for two year olds is 96 percent," said Theresa Fretwell, LPN, immunization nurse for the Santa Rosa County Health Department, "it's an increase of one percent since our last assessment. We work hard to educate our parents on the importance of immunizations, but we can still do better. We want to be at 100 percent."

Immunizations are free at the Santa Rosa County Health Department for children through the age of 18, and are provided on a walk-in basis during regular business hours at all three clinic locations in Milton, Midway and Jay. The Milton and Midway locations also offer extended hours so that parents will have an additional opportunity to update their children's immunizations. Parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's immunization record when visiting the clinic.

Clinic Hours:

**Milton Clinic**

5527 Stewart Street 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
Milton, Florida 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Thursday  
(850) 983-5200 8:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon, Friday

**Midway Clinic**

5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Tuesday  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Friday  
(850) 934-4074 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month

**Jay Clinic**

14122 Alabama Street 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Wednesday only  
Jay, Florida  
(850) 675-4211

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