



## Media Advisory

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### **RiverStone Health Immunization Clinic Open by Appointment Only**

**Billings, MT** – For the month of August, the RiverStone Health Immunization Clinic will be open by appointment only. The clinic is typically a walk-in clinic for childhood and adult vaccines.

This time of year is a busy one though, as families come in to get children back to school vaccinations. Vaccinations are required for all students. Required vaccinations are usually scheduled for students entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

“Typically, in the few weeks before school starts in the fall, our small lobby is full of families with children waiting for immunizations,” says Kim Bailey, RN, RiverStone Health Communicable Disease manager. “We are not able to socially distance this way. We feel having people schedule an appointment in August is the best way to keep our community safe while providing vital immunizations.”

The Immunization Clinic is taking appointments now. To schedule an appointment call 406.247.3382. If possible, parents should bring only children who need a vaccination to the appointment. Parents and guardians are encouraged not to wait too long to schedule an appointment as the clinic is typically the busiest a couple weeks before school starts.

Vaccine cost should not be a deterrent to getting children vaccinated. The Vaccines for Children program, available at RiverStone Health, provides vaccines at no charge to children 0-18 years old who are uninsured or underinsured. For more information, contact RiverStone Health at 406.247.3382.

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