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Tdap and Menactra Immunizations Available at MCHD for \$15

For a limited time, the McDonough County Health Department is offering Tdap and Menactra vaccines for \$15 each. Appointments are available for adults on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30am – 11:00am and for children and adults on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Call MCHD at (309)837-9951 for an appointment today.

The Tdap vaccine has been licensed since 2005 and helps offer protection for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Tdap is recommended for all adolescents who got DTaP or DPT as children and have not yet gotten a Tetanus booster. The preferred age is 11-12. It is recommended for adults up to age 65 who have not previously had Tdap and need a Tetanus booster, or have contact with infants under 12 months old (including women who may become pregnant), or are healthcare workers with direct patient contact in hospitals or clinics. The vaccine is offered for children and adults ages 11- 64. For a limited time, MCHD has reduced the price of this vaccine from \$50 to \$15.

The Menactra vaccine helps protect against the most common strains of the meningitis bacteria in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord that affects about 1,000 to 2,600 people each year. Even with treatment with antibiotics, 10 – 15% of these people die. College freshman who live in dormitories, and teenagers 15-18 have an increased risk of getting meningococcal disease. The vaccine is offered at MCHD for children and adults ages 11-55. For a limited time, MCHD has reduced the price of this vaccine from \$120 to \$15. Call for an appointment today.