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Marion County

Health Bulletin

The Mission of the Marion County Health Department is to improve the quality of life through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.



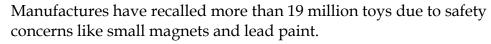
It's the holiday season, and that means toy-sharing and gift-giving are in full swing. Before you give that special child a new toy, it's important to stop and consider; Is this toy safe and age-appropriate? Unfortunately, thousands of children are hurt or even killed each year due to an interaction with an unsafe or developmentally inappropriate toy. December is known as Safe Toys and Gifts Month in order to create a happy, healthy, and safe gift-giving experience for all involved.

How to Observe Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Inspect toys before purchasing. Look for sharp points, edges, and parts that can fly off. Also check for durability should a child attempt to break, crush or pull toys apart.

Furthermore, do not give toys with ropes, cords, or heating elements—and make sure crayons and markers are labeled "nontoxic." Finally, it is important to NEVER give small toys with removable magnets or "button" batteries. These can cause serious injury or even death if ingested.

Make sure the toy is age appropriate. Not every toy is meant for every child. Keep in mind the child's age and development level (most toys offer an age range for guidance). Remember the rule: if the piece can fit in a toilet paper roll, it is not meant for children under 3 years of age.





Protect children from exposure to lead in metal and plastic toys, especially some imported toys, antique toys, and toy jewelry. Childhood lead exposure is preventable.

Many children get toys and toy jewelry as gifts during the holiday season. Although lead is invisible to the naked eye and has no smell, exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health. If you have a small child in your household, make sure the child does not have access to toys, jewelry, or other items that may contain lead.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's exposure to lead in a toy?

If you think your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, or if your child has a recalled toy, take away the toy immediately and contact your child's healthcare provider. Most children who are exposed to lead have no symptoms. A blood lead test is the best way to find out if your child has been exposed to lead. Your child's healthcare provider can help you decide whether a blood lead test is needed. If a blood lead test is needed, the Marion County Health Department offers this test. Call either the Salem or Centralia office for an appointment.

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October 2023 Statistics

Clinics	Maternal Child Health (MCH)	Environmental Health
Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar	Maternal Health Encounters 481	Food
Persons served: Blood Pressure 12	WIC Caseload 1,228	Routine Inspections.
Persons served: Blood Sugar1	WIC Clients receiving Education132	Follow-up Inspection
Paternity Testing Clinics 1	WSSM / WIC Education35	Complaint Inspection
Number of Persons Tested6	Internet WIC Education2	Temporary Inspection
	Individual WIC Education 18	Pre-Operational Insp
<u>Immunizations</u>	Phone Education 77	Emergency Incident
Number of Clinics8	Lead56	Number of Permits I
No. of adults 402	Hemoglobins126	Sewage
No. of adults immz. adm404	ASQ Developmental Screenings 67	Routine Inspections.
No. of pediatrics105	Depression Screenings50	Complaint Inspection
No. of pediatrics immz. adm 234	EPSDT'S34	Realty Inspections
Total of vaccines administered 638	Flouride Varnish (Oral Health)52	Sewage Systems Inst
	Number of Vision Testedo	Number of Permits I
<u>Children's Immunizations</u>	Number of Hearing Testedo	Water
Pediarix12	Pregnancy Testso	New System Inspecti
Pediatric Flu		Existing Water Well
Hib15	Family Case Management	Realty Inspections
Prevnar	APORS Investigations	Complaint Inspection
Rotavirus16	Healthworks Caseload	Water Wells Sealed
Hep A22	Healthworks Caseload/4	Number of Permits I
Dtap11	Osmana missella Disessa investigations	Closed Loop Wells
MMR12	Communicable Disease Investigations	Closed Loop Well Ins
TdaP27	Chickenpoxo	Systems Installed
Hepatitis B3	Cryptosporidiosiso	Number of Permits I
Varicella13	Hepatitis B0	
Kinrix10	Hepatitis C	Tanning
Gardisil4	HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated 0	Routine Inspections.
Meningitis40	HIV Test4	Follow-up Inspection
Pentacel 0	Salmonellosis1	Complaint Inspection
ProQuad16	Streptococcal Infections (Group A). o	Body Art
IPV (Polio)13	Whopping Cough (Pertussis) o	Routine Inspections.
Td0	Sexually Transmitted Disease	Follow-up Inspection
Men. B1	Chlamydia15	Complaint Inspection
	Gonorrhea	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Adult Immunizations	Syphiliso	Animal Bites
Hepatitis A1		Aiimai Dites
Hepatitis B3	TB (Tuberculosis)	
Flu	Tests Administered13	FIT Test
Men. B o	New Prophylactic Patientso	Female1
Meningitis 0	New Investigations1	
MMR2	New Active Caseso	
Pneumonia 23 0		
TD	<u>Lab Draws</u>	
Tdap5	Private Pay	
Typhoido	Salem Office	
Varicella1	Centralia Office26	
Yellow Fever o	Total Private Pay Lab Draws91	
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