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St. Louis County COVID-19 Update

Well-Child Visits Are Essential

In recent months, our community has been doing their part by staying at home as much as possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19. As school years begin, it's important that all children go in for their well-child visits. These well-child visits are essential for many reasons, including:

- Tracking growth and development including milestones, social behaviors, and learning
- Discussing any concerns about your child's health
- Getting scheduled vaccinations to prevent illnesses like measles and whooping cough (pertussis) and [12 other serious diseases](#)

Did you know that there were several outbreaks of measles and whooping cough in recent years? These diseases are extremely contagious and can be very serious, especially for babies and young children. As schools and daycares also begin to reopen, protecting children against these and other diseases makes these vaccinations particularly important.

Not sure what vaccines are needed when? Check out this [easy to read schedule](#). Concerned about keeping your child safe? Please call St. Louis County your doctor's office to see what special measures they might have in place. Many offices and clinics are taking extra steps to see children safely during this time, like:

- Scheduling sick visits and well-child visits during different times of the day
- Asking patients to remain outside until they are called into the facility to reduce crowding in waiting rooms
- Offering sick visits and well-child visits in different locations

St. Louis County Department of Public Health is accepting new patients and appointments are available. Please call 314-615-0560 or click [here](#) for additional locations and information.

Pop-Up Testing Locations

The following COVID-19 pop-up testing locations are scheduled for the month of August. Testing is by appointment only and can be made online [here](#). All pop-up testing locations are between the hours of 8:00 am and noon.

North Kirkwood Middle School

11287 Manchester Rd.

Kirkwood, MO 63122

Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd

Gotsch Intermediate School

8348 South Laclede Station Rd.

St. Louis, MO, 63123

August 29th and 30th

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