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Rock County Public Health Recognizes BigShot Awards and Increases in Local Vaccination Rates

Rock County, WI – Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recently recognized over 200 clinics for their high immunization coverage levels through their [BigShot Awards](#), including three of our own in Rock County: Edgerton Hospital – Milton Clinic, SSM Health Dean Medical Group Edgerton, and SSM Health Dean Medical Group Evansville. BigShots is an annual award given to healthcare providers who show excellence in protecting children and teens against vaccine-preventable disease through strong immunization practices and high immunization rates.

“We are thrilled to see three of our local clinics recognized through the BigShot Awards. Vaccinations continue to be one of the best ways to prevent disease in Rock County, and we’d like to thank each clinic for their outstanding service and commitment to providing vaccine for Rock County residents,” said Katrina Harwood, Rock County Public Health (RCPH) Health Officer.

Locally, Rock County has seen recent increases in routine vaccination rates among infants and children 0-24 months old, including the [4:3:1:3:3:1:4 vaccine series](#). This vaccine series protects against infection from various diseases, including tetanus, pertussis, diphtheria, and polio. As of 2023, 67% of Rock County infants and children 0-24 months old received the full 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 vaccine series, the highest percentage in over a decade.

Infants and children 0-24 months old also saw increases in vaccination rates for the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. With the ongoing [national measles outbreak](#), and a recent [confirmed measles case](#) in Dane County, the MMR vaccine is more important than ever. Help prevent measles in Rock County by checking your vaccination status in the [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#), and using [common respiratory virus prevention](#) like practicing good hygiene, or wearing a mask and physical distancing if you are sick. If you or your child are due for vaccines, contact your healthcare provider.

RCPH continues to provide free or low-cost vaccine for those who are uninsured or underinsured, including the MMR vaccine. Visit our [website](#), call (608) 757-5440, or [email us](#) for more information on available vaccine and appointments.



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