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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Free Vaccinations at the County Emergency Readiness Fair and Point of Dispensing (POD)
Exercise– September 16, 2017, 11:00am – 2:00pm**

NEWPORT, OR — On September 16, 2017 Lincoln County Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic as an emergency preparedness training event. The event will be held during the County Emergency Readiness Fair at the Lincoln County Commons (fairgrounds). There will be 200 free TDaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccines available on a first-come first-serve basis. Children going into the 7th grade need a booster TDaP vaccine. If your child is a student (7 years and older) and is not up to date on the TDaP vaccine, this event is a great opportunity to learn about emergency preparedness along with receiving a free vaccine.

TDaP prevents the serious illness of Pertussis, "Whooping Cough." Pertussis is very contagious and may cause coughing that is so severe that the coughing itself may break ribs. Pertussis can be fatal to infants; the more people vaccinated against pertussis helps stop the spread of pertussis to infants keeping them safe from the disease. There have already been outbreaks of Pertussis in Oregon this year.

What you can do now:

The Centers for Disease Control and Lincoln County Public Health recommend four steps to prepare for a public health emergency.

1. **Get a Kit** – This should include water, food, medicine and safety supplies
2. **Make a Plan**- Have a communication and disaster plan with your family
3. **Be Informed** – Sign up for LincolnAlerts and learn more from Lincoln County Emergency Management about what emergencies could happen locally. Learn more at <http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement> or by calling 541-265-4199

4. **Be up to Date on Immunizations** – Contact your doctor or Lincoln County Public Health at 541-265-4112. To get a free Tdap vaccine, attend the County Emergency Readiness Fair September 16, 2017 from 11:00- 2:00 (limited supply available)

For More Information:

- Lincoln County Public Health – Immunizations
<http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/immunizations>
- Lincoln County Emergency Management: <http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement>
- Oregon Public Health - Vaccines and Immunizations:
<https://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/Pages/index.aspx>
- Oregon Public Health - Communicable Disease
<https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/Pages/index.aspx>
- Oregon Public Health - Emergency Preparedness:
<https://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Pages/index.aspx>

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