

## **Be on top of your children's vaccines**

As children are returning to school, be sure to call the Orcas Family Health Center at 360-376-7778 or UW Medicine Orcas Island Clinic at 360-376-2561 to schedule an appointment and review the vaccines your child may need for this school year.

The Washington State Childhood Vaccine Program provides publicly purchased vaccines to participating providers for all children less than 19 years of age. The program supplies all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and eliminates or reduces cost barriers to receiving vaccinations. Both of the island clinics are enrolled in the Childhood Vaccine Program and receive publicly supplied vaccines at no cost for all children seen at each practice. You can learn more at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/Immunization/ChildhoodVaccineProgram>.

Washington State has seen an increase in outbreaks of Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, and Chicken Pox in recent years. Immunizations can help reduce and even stop spreading these diseases. For more information on outbreaks, immunizations, and other topics, visit the Washington State Department of Health website at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization>.

It's also important that as a parent you are up to date on your vaccinations. OFHC and UW Medicine Orcas Island Clinic provide an array of vaccines for adults. Be sure to schedule a visit with your provider to learn more.