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## **Columbia Valley Community Health Offering Free Adult Whooping Cough Vaccines**

*The two Saturday Clinics in June at the CVCH Walk-in Clinic target high-risk individuals*

**Wenatchee, WA:** [Columbia Valley Community Health](#) (CVCH) will hold two Saturday clinics offering free Pertussis or “whooping cough” vaccinations to the public. These Tdap vaccines will be offered to adults 19 years and older on Saturday, June 16 and Saturday, June 23 from 9am – 3pm at the CVCH Walk-in clinic, located at 600 Orondo Avenue, Wenatchee, WA. Vaccinations will be administered on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

These free vaccination clinics are in response to community-wide concern stemming from the spring pertussis outbreak throughout North Central Washington. On May 10, 2012, a group of medical professionals from CVCH, Central Washington Hospital, Wenatchee Valley Medical Center and the Chelan-Douglas Health Department gathered to form a plan to disseminate a supply of state-released vaccinations to high-risk individuals. **Malcolm Butler M.D.**, Medical Director at Columbia Valley Community Health, volunteered CVCH as the central location for these free vaccination clinics.

“It was with a terrific spirit of collaboration that all the agencies involved agreed on the most effective way to obtain and distribute approximately 400 doses of this vaccine,” Butler stated. “Columbia Valley Community Health is happy to support this important preventative effort by administering this vaccine to our community members at our facility.”

**Kaci Ramsey**, Nurse Clinician at CVCH, states that the targeted high-risk individuals for this vaccine are uninsured or underinsured parents, grandparents, and caregivers of young children.

“According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than half of infants diagnosed with whooping cough are hospitalized,” Ramsey states. “These infants typically contract the *Bordetella pertussis* bacteria from an unimmunized family member or caregiver. This emphasizes the important role adults have in reducing the spread of whooping cough through immunization.”

Interested community members will not be required to make an appointment, and no administrative costs will accompany these vaccinations. For more information about these vaccination clinics or CVCH, contact [Dan Heindel](#), Director of Planning and Development at CVCH, at 509.664.3530.

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Official CVCH Press Release: Free June Clinics for Pertussis Vaccines

**About Columbia Valley Community Health**

[Columbia Valley Community Health](#) is a federally qualified Community Health Center that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to the uninsured and underinsured people of Chelan and Douglas County. Their mission is to provide access to improved health and wellness with compassion and respect for all. The clinic has served area residents since 1972.

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