

## Expanding Access Hope

Busy schedules often become an excuse for many to put off your annual checkups and preventive care visits with your provider.

At HopeHealth, our Access Hope program extends operating hours to help make taking care of your health more convenient than ever. Available at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza since its opening in 2016, the program is now expanding into HopeHealth in Manning.

Through Access Hope, providers are available Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. to help existing HopeHealth patients address their health care needs after regular office hours.

Services available include: flu shots, immunizations, ppd testing, finger stick testing/blood sugar, pulse oximetry/oxygen testing, cold & flu sick visits, referral services, annual and pre-employment physicals, urinalysis, STD treatment, and extended pharmacy hours.



## Making Time for Vaccinations

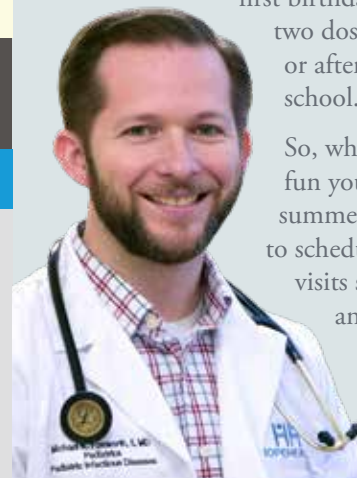
Planning well-child visits during the summer is a great way to ensure that your child not only gets the preventive care that they deserve, but also to make certain there are no surprises when the time for school registration approaches.

After age 3, preschool children, school-aged children, and adolescents should be seen by a physician every year for a well-child visit. This is when any concerns can be discussed, sports physical exam forms can be completed, and other important anticipatory guidance and vaccination needs reviewed.

Certain vaccines are required for daycare and school attendance and South Carolina generally follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices guidelines which can be found on the [scdhec.gov](http://scdhec.gov) website. Changes for the 2019-2020 school year include:

- 5th grade has been added to the requirement for two doses of varicella. A child with a positive history of the disease is considered immune and is exempt from this requirement.
- 7th grade has been added to the requirement for three doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one dose received on or after the fourth birthday.
- The MMR vaccine requirements are: one dose of MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday for childcare and two doses of MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday for school.

So, while you're planning the fun you'll have together during summer vacation, remember to schedule your children's well visits so that all vaccination and other wellness needs are met to be ready for the new school year.



## National Health Center Week Aug. 4-10, 2019

National Health Center Week is an annual celebration to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. This year, HopeHealth, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and the Health Center Advocacy Network invite you to help celebrate the ways that health centers are "Rooted in Community."

Visit HopeHealth on Advocacy Wednesday, Aug. 7 to sign up as a CHC advocate and register to vote to show your support for what we do.

## Seniors *with Hope in July*

July 4 Canceled	July 11, 2-3:30 pm	July 18, 2-3:30 pm
Betha Retirement Community Chapel	HopeHealth Medical Plaza Magnolia Room 360 N. Irby St. Florence	HopeHealth in Kingstree Conference Room 520 Thurgood Marshall Blvd. Suite B, Kingstree