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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Free Childhood Immunization Clinic to be Held in Idaho Falls on May 14

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Eastern Idaho –The National Immunization Survey indicates Idaho's immunization rates are among the lowest in the country. Immunizations protect children from diseases, such as measles and whooping cough, which can cause serious and sometimes permanent health problems. Most of the diseases we vaccinate against are rare in this country due to the success of immunization programs but unfortunately, we are seeing a resurgence of some vaccine-preventable disease due to parents' decisions not to vaccinate their children. Boosting Idaho's immunization rates and protecting children are top priorities of Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) and the Eastern Idaho Immunization Task Force.

As immunization champions, Eastern Idaho Public Health and the Eastern Idaho Immunization Task Force will be holding a **FREE** (no out of pocket cost) immunization clinic. All of the clinic details are listed below:

**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Place: Eastern Idaho Public Health, 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls

Who: All children 18 years and younger in need of immunizations

Appointments: Appointments are required – call 533-3235 to schedule

**Please note**: Foreign travel immunizations are not included in the free clinic. EIPH will be billing insurance and Medicaid. However, there will be no out-of-pocket expense for participants. Please bring your immunization card with you to the FREE clinic.

For more information about the free immunization clinic or to schedule an interview about this great opportunity for children, please contact Mimi Taylor, PIO at EIPH at (208) 533-3155, (208) 521-6722, or mimi\_taylor@EIPH.ldaho.gov.