

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations may be warranted due to possible exposure to illness or environmental factors; disaster debris, injury, contaminated water or communal living/daycare centers.

History:

- Exposure to debris
- Exposure to contaminated water
- Exposure to ill persons
- Close living quarters

Assessment:

- Confirm age and prior immunizations.
- Provide “Vaccine Information Statements” describing risks and benefits.
- Assess for:
 - Risk factors for potential disease.
 - Contraindications to vaccine administration.

Treatment:

- Administer appropriate immunizations provided by the health department per the most current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) if **available and funded**.
- Disaster Situations:
 - Tdap- administer vaccine after contact/injury with potentially dangerous debris.
 - HepA- administer vaccine after contact with potentially contaminated water or human waste.
- Shelter:
 - Influenza- administer vaccine following approved immunization schedule.

Call EMS:

- Upon severe reaction to vaccine.