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**Two Mobile Clinics Offer Tetanus, Wound Care in Pensacola Beach and Century**  
- Health Department Recommends Tetanus if Wounded -

PENSACOLA, FL – Escambia County Health Department Director Dr. John Lanza is recommending that residents receive a tetanus vaccine when they are wounded. Open cuts and wounds are vulnerable to the tetanus bacteria which can get in through even a tiny pinprick or scratch.

The health department will be operating two mobile clinics on Wednesday July 13 to provide the tetanus vaccination and minor wound care:

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Pensacola Beach**

Parking Lot at Casino Beach  
(near the Pensacola “Beach Ball” Water Tower)

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Century**

Carver/Century School  
440 E. Hecker Road

When residents receive deep cuts or wounds, they should immediately seek medical care through their physician or hospital emergency room. Medical attention is required to determine if a tetanus booster is needed.

**What is Tetanus**

Tetanus affects the nervous system. Infection with tetanus causes severe muscle spasms, leading to "locking" of the jaw so the patient cannot open his/her mouth or swallow, and may even lead to death by suffocation. Tetanus is not transmitted from person to person.

**Symptoms**

Common first signs of tetanus are headache and muscular stiffness in the jaw followed by stiffness of the neck, difficulty in swallowing, rigidity of abdominal muscles, spasms, sweating and fever. Symptoms usually begin eight days after the infection, but may range in onset from three days to three weeks.

**About Tetanus Vaccine**

When cut or wounded, a resident may need a tetanus vaccine if they have not received a tetanus vaccine in the last 10 years. A person does not need a tetanus vaccine for exposure to floodwaters. Proper wound care is essential for all cuts and lacerations regardless of exposure to floodwaters.

For additional information, Escambia County residents can call the county information line at 471-6600 or the Florida Emergency Information Line at 1-800-342-3557.

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