Importance Of Immunization

A growing number of older people are helping to save young lives and maintain children's health as well as America's wealth.

What they're doing is urging their families and friends with young children to make sure the youngsters are properly immunized, reports the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, one of the groups and taking part in the National Immunization Campaign.

Each year, says Martha A. McSteen, National Committee president, millions of American children go unprotected against pertussis, diphtheria, polio and other deadly diseases for which vaccines are available.

In fact, the United States has one of the worst immunization We're behind Cuba and Colombia, for example. Here, one in four children have not been fully vaccinated against polio. Nearly half the measles cases reported during the measles epidemic of 1989 occurred among unvaccinated minority children under five years old.

What's more every dollar spent on immunization now saves \$10 in health care costs later. Part of the problem is lack of health care insurance. Not only are approximately eight million children in the United States uninsured entirely, tens of millions more have such inadequate insurance, they are not covered for basic preventive care, including immunizations. Fortunately. community

rates in the Western Hemisphere. health centers and public clinics We're behind Cuba and Colombia, for example. Here, one in four no cost.

Vaccinations need to be started before school age. Many people are making sure the children in their lives are protected against:

1. Measles, mumps and rubella with an MMR vaccine.

3. Diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough) with a DTP shot.

4. Haemophilus influenza type b (meningitis and other serious infections) with a Hib vaccine.

5. Hepatitis B (liver infections). Ask your doctor for advice or call the National Immunization Campaign hotline at 1-800-525-6789.

Schaefferstown Fair Slated For June 25

SCHAEFFERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — Hand-turned cherry ice cream is a favorite feature of Historic Schaefferstown's 26th Annual Cherry Fair on the 90-acre Historic Alexander Schaeffer Farm, located at the intersection of Route 501 and Route 897, north of Lancaster.

Cherry pies, cherry fritters, cherry dumplings, and plenty of homemade food will bring cheer to the visitors.

The 1994 Cherry Quilt will be raffled at 3 p.m. and second prize will be a painting by artist, Barbara Strawser, with a hand-painted milk can by Elsa Huber as the third prize.

Arts and crafts, cake walks, and pie walks, children's games, train rides and music by The Holt Twins and Tony T. will provide fun for the whole family.

The Sit and Spit and Cherry Pitting Contests will be held in the afternoon.

Admission and parking are free. Hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday only.

If more information is needed, call Alice Levengood (717) 949-3235 or (717) 949-3536.



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