

Immunizations in Disasters



What shots do I need before going home to the flood area?

Clean-up and repair activities present a risk of injuries that can lead to serious infections. One of the most serious infections is tetanus, also known as “lock jaw.” Tetanus (lock jaw) infection can be deadly but can be prevented by an immunization (shot).

- Get a booster dose of tetanus if you have not had a dose within the past 10 years or are unsure of the last time you had one.
- If you get a deep cut or puncture wound, seek immediate medical attention and ask about a tetanus booster.

For more information on immunizations, contact your health care provider, your local public health agency, or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Immunizations Program at 866-628-9891.