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South Carolina Severe Flooding

### NEWS RELEASE #22

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### DHEC Offers Free Tetanus Vaccinations for Flood-Affected South Carolinians

**COLUMBIA, SC (October 9, 2015, 9:00 p.m.)** – The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control reminds all storm-affected residents that a tetanus vaccination is recommended if it's been 10 years or more since your last tetanus vaccination or you have experienced an injury and your shot is more than five years old.

In the event of a puncture wound or wound contaminated by floodwater, individuals should consult a healthcare provider.

For those who require a tetanus vaccination, there will be no-cost Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination clinics this weekend.

#### **Two mobile clinics will be held Saturday:**

- § 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at A.C. Flora High School, 1 Falcon Drive, Columbia
- § 3 to 5 p.m. at Pine Glen Subdivision, Seawright Road, Columbia

#### **Clinics will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the following locations:**

- § Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center, 8620 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins
- § Irmo Branch Library, 6251 Saint Andrews Road, Columbia

DHEC will also offer no cost tetanus vaccinations at health departments beginning Monday, Oct. 12. To make an appointment for a tetanus vaccination at a health department near you, call 1-800-868-0404.

DHEC will continue to announce vaccination clinics at [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov) as times and locations become available.

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