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DOH-CHARLOTTE RECOGNIZES CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

Ride Back-to-School Safe



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Port Charlotte, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County continues the 2021 Back-to-School Health and Safety campaign to support the return to school.

Along with immunizations and helping families understand how to protect and keep loved ones safe for the return to school, the Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County wants parents to have the opportunity to make sure the trip getting there is just as safe.

Every day in America, millions of parents and caregivers travel with children in their vehicles. While some children are buckled correctly in properly fitted car seats, many are not. In fact, some are not even buckled at all.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 46% of car seats are misused. To help combat this issue, the Florida Department of Health announced today its participation in Child Passenger Safety Week, a campaign dedicated to helping parents and caregivers make sure their children ride as safely as possible—every trip, every time. Child Passenger Safety Week runs from September 19-25, 2021 and is sponsored by NHTSA.

The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County will be hosting two events to educate parents on how to choose the right seat, install it correctly, get the right fit, and know when it's time to upgrade to the next seat. To aid in keeping residents and staff safe, these events will be by appointment only.

Make an appointment to join us on **Monday, September 27** or **Tuesday, September 28**. Technicians will be on site to check child safety seats to ensure they are installed correctly and properly fitted to your child.

2021 Child Passenger Safety Month

Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County
hosting two child passenger safety seat events.

Monday, September 27th
Tuesday, September 28th
By appointment only.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL

941-624-7200 ext. 7273

Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to check if seats are installed properly. There will be a limited number of car seats for those in need of a seat.*

For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 941-624-7200 ext 7273.

*Must meet qualifying criteria and household income. While supplies last.

For qualifying applicants, a limited number of car seats are available. As a parent, caregiver, guardian, grandparent, foster parent or designee you may qualify for a child safety seat for your eligible child(ren), dependent(s), or those whom you provide care, including transportation, on a regular basis. To find out if you qualify contact 941-624-7200 ext. 7273. Only one car seat is allowed per child.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please call Farrah Fishman at the Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County at 941-624-7200 ext. 7273.

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