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## **Area Health Care Providers Recognized for Efforts to Vaccinate Children**

*Monroe Clinic and Mercy Brodhead Medical Center have both been named a “BigShot” by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Green County Health Department*

Monroe, WI—The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Green County Health Department are pleased to announce that Monroe Clinic and Mercy Brodhead Medical Center have just been named a “BigShot” for their efforts to vaccinate children against diseases. The recognition is given to those health care providers who vaccinate 90% or more of their young patients based on immunization data collected by DHS.

“Childhood vaccinations are critical to protect our children and everyone around them from diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, and cancer among others,” said RoAnn Warden, Director/Health Officer of the Green County Health Department. “We are pleased to recognize these organizations for their diligence in keeping our children healthy.”

The Wisconsin Immunization Program webpage shows [parents what vaccinations their child needs](#) and at what age. Parents can also keep track of what shots their children have had, and shots they may still need, through the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

This is the first year of the “BigShot” recognition awards. DHS plans to make this an annual award to health care providers who show excellence in protecting children against vaccine- preventable diseases through strong immunization practices and high immunization rates.

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