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Immunize for a prize

Oklahoma City – Parents with children born between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006 and who have completed all the age appropriate shot requirements according to the OK by One schedule by the age of 13 months can win a grand prize of a four night cruise or a second place cash prize of \$500. The Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition in partnership with Rainbow Travel Service, Inc. will be giving a grand prize cruise for two people in Oklahoma County in July whose child has complete immunization records.

A drawing will be held from the Oklahoma State Immunization Information System in which immunizations are entered upon receipt. Parents should contact their doctor or Oklahoma City-County Health Department at 405-425-4450 to see if their children are up to date on the immunization schedule before the deadline of June 30.

The Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition, in cooperation with various local agencies, businesses and organizations, has sponsored several events annually for the past thirteen years to promote immunizing the citizens of Oklahoma County. The immunization rates in some areas of the county are well below the national and state average leaving our children exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases. Oklahoma is ranked 44th nationally with a 76 percent vaccination coverage rate. The Immunization Coalition is a nonprofit organization that consists of healthcare professionals and other individuals from private industry, government agencies, hospitals and other healthcare organizations who are devoted to ensuring that Oklahomans of all ages will be immunized and protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

For information on this program and others, call 425-4404 or go the OCIC website at: <http://www.okcic.org>