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This is an important message from the Schoharie County Department of Health. When cleaning up after a disaster, be careful of cuts and wounds. To prevent infection or tetanus, thoroughly wash all cuts and wounds with soap and clean water. Cover band-aid and keep it dry. Watch for signs of infection: Redness, swelling and pus formation.

Tetanus, also known as lockjaw can be transmitted by the bacteria found in soil contaminated with manure and human or animal feces. The signs of tetanus infection are: muscle stiffness in the jaw, stiffness of the neck and difficulty swallowing.

Tetanus can be prevented by the Tdap or Td vaccine. Be sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date.

The Schoharie County Department of Health will be offering free tetanus vaccinations Saturday, on September 3, 2011 at the following locations: Middleburgh Post Office from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Gilboa Post Office 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Schoharie Central School Bus Garage 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This above schedule will be repeated next week.