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SUBJECT: It's Time for Back-To-School Immunizations

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Dear School Administrators and Staff:

The start of school is around the corner, and the countdown has officially begun. This week, August 10-16, the focus of National Immunization Awareness Month is on back-to-school immunizations. Before children enter kindergarten or 7th grade, schools are required to verify each child's immunization record to ensure all shots and boosters are up-to-date.

Kindergartners need the following immunizations before entry:

- **5** DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough) immunizations
- **4** doses of polio
- **3** doses of hepatitis B
- **2** doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella); and
- **1** or more doses of varicella (chickenpox)

Students entering 7th grade will need to show proof of the whooping cough (Tdap) booster before starting school.

Help students start school on time by:

- Sending notices home to remind parents about immunizations needed. You can use the [tools](#) provided.
- Ordering FREE patient educational materials from your [local health department](#), including:
 - The [brochure for parents of infants](#) and young children | [Spanish](#)
 - The [flyer for parents of preteens](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Downloading educational flyers for parents and students on the 7th Grade Tdap Requirement
[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Korean](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

Visit www.ShotsforSchool.org for more information on school immunization requirements.

Additional resources are available for National Immunization Awareness Month at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam.html>