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SUBJECT: Time to beat the rush on back-to-school shots!
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Dear Immunization Providers:

Now is an ideal time to remind parents that their children are required to receive certain immunizations before starting [child care](#) or school.

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** dose of varicella (chickenpox).

7th graders need a Tdap (whooping cough) booster and two doses of measles-containing vaccines (e.g., MMR) before starting school, which is also the perfect opportunity to vaccinate with the other ACIP recommended vaccines for 11-12 year olds, including HPV and MCV4 (meningococcal).

All students new to a California school must also meet [certain immunization requirements](#) according to their age or grade.

Help your practice and your patients avoid the back-to-school rush, and ensure that kids are up-to-date by encouraging parents to schedule their children's immunization appointments now!

FREE patient education materials are available from your [local health department](#), including:

- The [brochure for parents of infants](#) and young children | [Spanish](#)
- The [flyer for parents of preteens](#) | [Spanish](#)
- The [7th Grade Tdap reminder card](#) (bilingual)

Customizable flyers for the 7th Grade Tdap requirement ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Korean](#) | [Vietnamese](#)) are also available for download only.

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