



May 19, 2021

Dear School Administrators and Staff,

Thank you for all your efforts to resume in-person school instruction and make sure that safety is the number one priority. As [many children have fallen behind in routine immunizations during the pandemic](#), please help them get caught up now. Ensuring that students are up to date on their shots will help reduce the risk of spreading preventable and serious diseases like measles and whooping cough in schools.

Prepare for fall 2021 school immunization reporting and avoid future school audits: along with reviewing incoming students' records, review 2020-21 kindergarten and 7th grade students' immunization records (Blue Cards). Follow up with parents now to take their children to the doctor to receive any [immunizations](#) they may have missed. Let families know that students 12 years and older can now receive their COVID-19 vaccine at the same time, if available, as other recommended vaccines. Remind them that doctors are taking extra precautions to keep families safe during in-person appointments.

To support this effort, we invite you to use:

- [Robocall message to parent templates](#) (English and Spanish)
- [Letter from schools to families template](#)
- [Letter to Parents: Immunizations Needed for School](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Farsi](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Chinese](#)

Thank you again for your ongoing efforts to prioritize immunizations so that California's students are protected from vaccine preventable diseases. We deeply appreciate all that you do.