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PARENTS URGED TO GET KIDS IMMUNIZED BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

County Health and Human Services Agency Offers Easy Way to Check on Records

Summer is winding down, and back-to-school is on everyone's mind. Buying clothes and school supplies usually top the to-do list. But there's something else that should be high on that list: school entry immunizations.

"This is a busy time, and parents can easily forget to make sure their children have all the shots needed for school entry," said Nancy Bowen, M.D., County of San Diego Public Health Officer. "But there are good reasons to check your kids' immunization status."

California is a "no-shots, no-school" state, which means that to sit in the classroom, a child must meet the school immunization law requirements. To comply with the law, families must present the child's shot record, verifying all needed vaccines, or have a personal beliefs or medical exemption for immunization.

Making sure children are fully protected, and avoiding the inconvenience of delays in starting school, is easy. Parents should find their child's immunization record and present the record to the school admissions clerk. To check your infant or toddler's shot record, call your doctor or the Baby Shots Line toll-free at 1-888-692-2575 during business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) to review the records with a nurse.

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