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What does back to school look like?

What a difference a year makes. Looking back at 2019, life seemed so much simpler than the days of today. Remote learning, smaller classes, or part time classroom teaching seemed unimaginable a year ago.

While the blueprint of learning has changed, the need for childhood immunizations has not. For children returning to school and childcare, the immunization requirements have not changed, because the need for vaccination remains the same. Now more than ever, it is important that children receive their childhood immunizations on time. As students begin the journey of going back to school, the exposure to vaccine preventable diseases is at hand, even in a smaller classroom size.

As a childcare provider, it is important to give parents the information and the confidence to continue to vaccinate even during the COVID outbreak.

All provider offices in the State of NH have developed guidelines to safely administer vaccines to children and to keep them up to date on their routine vaccinations. From drive up vaccinations, to well child visits done at different locations or times of day, providers are working to keep you and your children safe when coming for routine appointments.

The NH Immunization Program has links on our website, in our "What's New" section that has many resources regarding immunizations, and COVID-19. Please visit at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/index.htm>

All of us at the NH Immunization Program wish you a happy, safe back to school season.

Please contact us with any immunization questions at 603-271-4482 or at immunization@dhhs.nh.gov