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## **DuPage County Health Department Encourages Parents to Schedule Back-to-School Vaccinations**

**DUPAGE COUNTY** – August is National Immunization Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to ensure your child is up to date with their routine vaccinations. The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) urges parents to prioritize vaccinations on their back-to-school checklist.

Illinois immunization requirements for children and adolescents enrolling in childcare or school align with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [recommendations](#).

For more information, see the [IDPH 2024-2025 School Immunization Requirements](#).

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that children catch up on routine childhood vaccinations to stay on track for childcare, school, and beyond.

“Vaccinations are critical for protecting students from contagious and preventable diseases. Now, with a few weeks left before school starts, it's time for kids to get the recommended shots.” said Adam Forker, Executive Director, DuPage County Health Department.

Immunizations are among the most effective, safe, and cost-efficient public health tools available for preventing disease and premature death. By ensuring children receive on-time vaccinations, we can prevent diseases such as measles, whooping cough (pertussis), chickenpox, mumps, influenza, and COVID-19.

DCHD reminds parents to schedule and discuss routine vaccinations with their children's primary care provider. Additionally, childhood immunizations are available at DCHD through the [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) program for all children who are uninsured, have insurance that does not cover immunizations, or are Medicaid-eligible.

The VFC program helps eligible children get their vaccines at no cost according to the recommended immunization schedule, which has significantly increased childhood immunization coverage levels and helped eliminate disparities in vaccination coverage among young children.

Additional VFC providers can be found through the [VFC Provider Search](#). For more information about the VFC program, please call DCHD at (630) 682-7400.

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