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**CALLING ALL PROCRASTINATORS! NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL, NO KIDDING!
GET THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS NOW!**

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL— The 2011-2012 school year begins Monday August 22nd for The School District of Palm Beach County and parents must ensure their child has required immunizations. Palm Beach County Health Department Health Centers are ready for the last minute rush by offering free vaccination services. Immunizations are also available at various outreach locations at the Immunization Van. New rules for polio vaccines and a rise in cases of Pertussis (whooping cough) and measles in the state mean timely vaccinations are a must for the continued good health of your child.

The 2011-2012 school year rules require incoming kindergarten students to have received their last dose of polio vaccine and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine after their fourth birthday. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth graders will need the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis Booster and all students should have received other vaccines like Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Chickenpox and their form 680 on file as proof of receipt.

To help meet the deadline, the Palm Beach County Health Department is conducting immunization outreaches to get children vaccinated and their records up to date. In addition to immunizations being offered at the Health Centers throughout the county, outreaches scheduled before the August 22nd start of school include the following locations:

<p>Thursday, August 18th Lantana/Lake Worth Health Center 1250 Southwinds Drive Lantana 9:30 am-12:00 pm</p>	<p>Friday, August 19th Carver Middle School 101 Barwick Road Delray Beach 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p>
<p>Saturday, August 20th “Back To School Immunizations Day” C.L. Brumback Health Center 38754 State Road 80 Belle Glade 9 am – 3 pm</p>	<p>Saturday, August 20th Grace Episcopal Church 3600 Australian Avenue West Palm Beach 9:00 am – 2:00 pm</p>

There is no charge for children’s immunizations for children through 18 years old.
Information can be obtained by calling **800-810-1225** or on the web at www.pbchd.com.

Palm Beach County Health Centers offering vaccinations:

<p>Jupiter Auxiliary Health Center 6405 Indiantown Road Jupiter, FL 33458 (561) 746-6751 Appointments (561)746-6751 Walk-ins Only: Tuesday – Thursday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)</p>	<p>West Palm Beach Health Center 1150 45th Street West Palm Beach, FL 33407 (561) 514-5300 Appointments (561)514-5500 By Appointment Only: Monday – Friday (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) No afternoon clinic on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month Saturday August 27 Walk-in only - 9:00 am– 1:00 pm COME EARLY!</p>
<p>Lantana/Lake Worth Health Center 1250 Southwinds Dive Lantana , FL 33462 (561) 547-6800 Appointments (Overseas): (561) 547-6856 Walk-ins Only: Monday - Friday (7:30 am to 3:30 pm) No afternoon clinic on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month</p>	<p>Delray Beach Health Center 225 South Congress Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33445 (561) 274-3100 Appointments (561) 274-3126 By Appointment Only: Monday – Friday (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) and No afternoon clinic on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month</p>
<p>C.L. Brumback Health Center 38745 State Road 80 Belle Glade, FL 33430 (561) 996-1600 Appointments (561) 996-1615 Walk-ins and Appointments: Monday – Friday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) No afternoon clinic on 1st Thursday of each month Saturday August 20 Walk-in Only - Come Early! 9:00 am– 1:00 pm</p>	

Palm Beach County Immunization Requirements School Year 2011-2012

Florida Certificate of Immunizations, Form DH 680, is the only document that the schools are permitted to accept as proof of immunization.
 (This form is available through local physicians, Palm Beach County Health Department School Health Division, Palm Beach County Health Department Clinical Health Centers, other local medical providers.)
Shots may be obtained through your local physician, local medical providers, Palm Beach County Health Department Health Centers or Palm Beach County Health Department Immunization Van located throughout the county.

REQUIRED	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)	
Polio Series	
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	
Hepatitis B Series (Hep B)	
Varicella	
Tetanus/Pertussis Booster (Tdap) 7th grade	
Haemophilus influenzae type B (age appropriate)	
Pneumococcal –children 2-24 months entering childcare	

By the time a child starts school he/she should have already had all required immunizations. A physical is required for entrance to Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and those entering 7th grade.

PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR NEW STUDENTS, TRANSFER STUDENTS AND ENTRY TO SOME GRADE LEVELS

PRE KINDERGARTEN (Ages 3 & 4)	KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE
(DTaP) Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses / 5 doses (4 if last dose given after 4th Birthday)
Polio Series	3 doses / 3, 4, or 5 doses (Kindergarten entry requires one dose after 4th birthday)
(Hib) (age appropriate) Haemophilus influenzae type B	1-4 doses / Evidence of completion not required
(MMR) Mumps, Measles, Rubella	1 dose / 2 doses (following 1st birthday) May also be given as 2 dose MMRV (varicella)
(Hep B) Hepatitis B	3 doses / 3 doses Hepatitis B
(Chickenpox) Varicella	1 dose / 2 doses (grades K-3) 1 dose (grades 4-10) Exempt with provider documentation of having chickenpox
(Tdap) Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis Booster	1 dose (7th, 8th, 9th grades)
(Tdap or Td) Tetanus/Diphtheria Booster	1 dose (10th, 11th, 12th, grades) May substitute Tdap

DON'T WAIT VACCINATE!!

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IMMUNIZATION APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE AT PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS
 FOR IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION AND VAN LOCATIONS
 Call (561) 840-4568 OR (Toll Free) 1-800-810-1225

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