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## Just 30 days until school starts – get school shots now!

Public Health and school authorities remind parents to update their child's immunizations as soon as possible.

### **Do you have children who will attend school in Sarasota County for the first time?**

The school will need the blue Department of Health (DH) 680 immunization form showing that your children have all the shots needed for their grade level as listed below. This form is available through your health care provider.

**Will your child enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade in August?** The school must have a DH 680 immunization form showing a tetanus/diphtheria booster (**TD or Tdap**) received within the past five years in addition to the immunizations listed below.

Students without the required immunizations will be sent home from public schools on the first day, August 18. In addition, they will not be able to ride the bus or participate in sports, band or other extracurricular activities until the school has the DH 680 form showing that the shots were received.

"Let's all have a great start to the school year. Compare your child's immunization record with the immunization requirements below. If your child needs updated immunizations, get them soon to avoid the long lines in mid-August. School staff is returning to work on Friday, July 25. Bring your student's blue DH 680 form to the school as soon after July 25 as you can so your child's first day of school will be a positive experience," said Sarasota County Health Department School Health Supervisor Linda Glover, R.N.

### **2008-09 Florida Immunization Requirements for School Attendance:**

#### **Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 6**

5 DTPs (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

4 Polio

2 MMRs (2 Measles, 2 Mumps and 2 Rubella)

3 Hepatitis B

1 Varicella (chicken pox)

**2 Varicella** (chicken pox) **needed for Kindergarten only**

#### **Grades 7 – 12**

5 DTPs (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

4 Polio

2 MMRs (2 Measles, 2 Mumps and 2 Rubella)

3 Hepatitis B

**1 TD or 1 Tdap** (Tetanus Diphtheria)

1 Varicella (chicken pox) for Grade 7 students only

The Sarasota County Health Department, through the federally-funded Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, offers free immunizations to children from families who lack health insurance or whose insurance does not pay for immunizations. No appointment is needed. A parent or guardian must be present, and must bring prior shot records.

**Sarasota County Health Department**

Children's Immunization Clinic  
2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota  
Monday through Friday  
Please call 941-861-2784 for hours.

**South County Family Health Center**

South County Resource Center (just north of Manatee Community College)  
7820 S. Tamiami Trail, #B2 Venice  
Monday through Friday  
Please call 941-861-3338 for hours.

For more information, please contact your health care provider or the Sarasota County Health Department's Office of School Health at 941-927-9000, ext. 32101. For a complete shot schedule, visit the Sarasota District's school health website:

<http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/schoolhealth>.