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# Press Release

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## **Time for Back to School Immunizations**

In addition to pencils, paper and other classroom essentials, vaccinations should be included on every back-to-school checklist. The Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) is reminding parents that Illinois law requires students in Illinois schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

According to experts at the CDC, immunizations are a valuable public health resource, are cost-effective and help fight preventable disease throughout the community. Every child entering an Illinois school or attending a child care facility is mandated to comply with the Illinois State Immunization requirements. Required immunizations include diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough, polio, measles-mumps-rubella, hepatitis B, haemophilus influenza type B, varicella, pneumococcal and meningococcal. Human papilloma virus vaccine is recommended for adolescents but is not required by law.

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Each year, hundreds of parents and children visit the LCDPH vaccination clinic to meet school-entry vaccination requirements. The back-to-school rush is the department's largest annual immunization effort. For public convenience and to keep waiting time to a minimum, the LCDPH encourages families to come in as soon as possible to beat the rush for back to school vaccines.

The Logan County Department of Public Health currently operates Monday-Thursday from 7:30-4:00 and all major insurance cards are accepted. Please call the department with any questions at 217-735-2317.

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