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## Press Release

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## LCDPH/SIU PROMOTE BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH

Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) is teaming up with Southern Illinois University (SIU) Center for Family Medicine in Lincoln to meet your family's health needs in preparation for the upcoming school year. Illinois law requires students to be immunized against certain preventable diseases and LCDPH is available to provide your family with all the vaccines to meet the requirement. Illinois law also requires students entering kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades to have a physical examination. SIU's medical staff is available to serve you by providing school physical and sports exams in addition to meeting your family's complete medical needs. LCDPH, SIU and their caring and professional staff are pleased to partner in the prevention effort to ensure all families and their children are protected and assured healthy for the start of the school year.

To encourage families to stop in before the end of the summer rush and to help promote the community, LCDPH is offering free Logan Lanes bowling game passes, Lincoln Park District one-day pool passes and Fit Zone passes while supplies last to families who receive back to school immunization services during the month of July. For public convenience and to keep your waiting time to a minimum, families are urged to take advantage of LCDPH and SIU services as soon as possible to beat the rush for back to school immunizations and physicals.

LCDPH clinic currently operates Monday through Friday from 7:30am-3:45pm and no appointments are needed. SIU Center for Family Medicine operates Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm and healthcare visits are scheduled by appointment only. LCDPH and SIU accept all major insurance. For questions or for scheduling an appointment, LCDPH and SIU are conveniently available by calling 217-735-2317. For additional information, you can log on to WWW.LCDPH.ORG.