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Free Back-to-School Immunizations and COVID-19 Vaccines at DCHHS

DALLAS (Aug. 12, 2021) – The start of the new school year is approaching soon, and parents need to provide children's immunization records before the first day of class. Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) will be hosting a back-to-school immunization clinic on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Limited COVID-19 vaccines will be offered at this event.

The clinic will take place on the first floor of the main DCHHS building located at 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. Parents/guardians must bring their child's most recent immunization records. The event is <u>by appointment only</u>. To schedule an appointment call, **972-692-2780**.

"With school about to commence in the classroom, it is important during the COVID-19 pandemic to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines to ensure their long term health, and this year we are also making the COVID-19 vaccine available," said Dr. Philip Huang, DCHHS Director. "Vaccinations also help protect the health of classmates, friends, relatives, and others in the community. Make sure to get your children any needed vaccines before the back-to-school rush."

Dallas County residents from birth to age 18 in the following categories are eligible to receive free immunizations under the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) who meet at least one of the following:

- Medicaid eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured (as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services https://dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/info-for-parents.aspx)

Parents/guardians should review their child's immunization records and consult with a primary care provider, or public health professional to determine needed vaccinations. To view the Texas State vaccine requirements for students K-12 visit, https://dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm