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Ready for School? Let The Health Department Help You Check and Complete Those Vaccine Records.

Vaccination (i.e. 'shots') is one of the best ways parents can protect their children from 16 potentially harmful diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly – especially in infants and young children. Now is the time to check your child's shot record and make sure that they meet school vaccination requirements. The minimum vaccination requirements for entering a child into a care facility or school in Illinois for Fall 2017 are available at:

http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/idph-school-imm-requirements-fall-2017-051117_0.pdf.

"Health department staff can review shot records with you to determine what shots your child needs for ease in school entry", shares Dr. Sarah Patrick, Administrator.

As part of National Immunization Awareness Month, starting Monday, July 24, school aged children coming to the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) are encouraged to take a book from the Little Free Library and enjoy a back-to-school gift donated by JCHD staff (until supplies run out). Immunization services are routinely provided during walk-in clinics every Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. JCHD is a Vaccine for Children (VFC) site (which means low cost shots are available for children who qualify) and also accepts many insurance plans, including Medicaid. You do not need an appointment to receive shots. For more information about the immunizations and services, visit the Jackson County Health Department website at www.jchdonline.org or call (618) 684-3143, ext. 105.

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