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IS YOUR CHILD READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

Getting ready to go back to school means more than shopping for paper and pencils. For thousands of school children, it's time to update their immunizations.

The Westchester County Health Department reminds parents and guardians to schedule an appointment with their child's healthcare provider now to ensure children will have the immunizations required by New York State to start school on time.

For children who have neither health insurance nor a primary care provider, the Westchester County Health Department will offer free immunizations by appointment during special back-to-school immunization clinics. During these clinics, facilitated enrollers will be on hand to help parents and guardians sign their children up for the health insurance they need. Families without a regular doctor also will receive information about where to go for ongoing pediatric primary care.

Appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis during special sessions from Aug. 14 to Oct. 16. If your child does not have health insurance and needs shots required for school, call the Westchester County Department of Health district offices. In Yonkers, call 914-231-2523. In White Plains, call 914-995-5800. In New Rochelle, call 914-813-5525.

For more information on immunizations required for school entry, please contact the Westchester County Department of Health Immunization Action Program at 813-5000 or visit us on the web at www.westchestergov.com/health.