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Don't Forget to Add this Important Item to Your Back to School Checklist

Did you know children must receive certain [immunizations](#) before they can attend school? With classes just around the corner, don't forget to add vaccinations to your child's back to school checklist.

"In North Carolina, students are required to receive certain vaccines to attend school," said Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services director. "It's important for parents to check their children's immunization records and schedule any necessary appointments now to ensure their students can begin the school year on time."

Schools are required by law to exclude children from school until documentation of required immunizations has been presented.

North Carolina requires children to receive the following vaccines before they begin kindergarten:

- DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis);
- HBV (hepatitis B);
- Hib (haemophilus B);
- IPV (inactivated polio vaccine);
- PCV13 (Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine);

- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella); and
- Varicella (chickenpox).

Students must receive the following vaccines before they enter seventh grade:

- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap); and
- Meningococcal (meningitis).

The best way to make sure your child is up to date on the required immunizations is to check with your child's health care provider.

If your child does not have a doctor, Wake County Human Services can help. Public health clinics offer all required vaccines at several convenient locations:

- [Eastern Regional Center](#) in Zebulon: Call 919-404-3900 for an appointment.
- [Northern Regional Center](#) in Wake Forest: Call 919-562-6300 for an appointment.
- [Southern Regional Center](#) in Fuquay-Varina: Call 919-557-2501 for an appointment.
- [Sunnybrook](#) in Raleigh: Call 919-250-3900 for an appointment.

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