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SUBJECT: School Entry Requirements

As the 2020 school year begins, whether students will be attending virtually or in-person, the Louisiana school and daycare vaccination entry requirements have not changed. Vaccination requirements are essential tools for maintaining high vaccination coverage and low rates of vaccine-preventable diseases. Guidance to safely resume routine vaccination is located on the LINKS homepage at https://lalinks.org/linksweb/docs/Safe_Vaccine_Administration_during_COVID-19.pdf

The deadline for reporting vaccination or exemption data in LINKS remains October 1st for daycare centers and November 15th for schools. Please contact the Immunization Program staff for assistance in reporting.

Both the reporting rate and exemption rate will be available at the school-level later this month on the LDH Immunizations webpage under “Vaccination Coverage Maps.”

Information about Louisiana reporting laws and immunization exemptions can be found at https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3662. Please contact the Immunization Program at 504-568-2600 if you have additional questions.