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DOH-DUVAL SAYS "GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS" FOR BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICALS

-Don't wait until the last minute for mandatory back to school requirements-

JACKSONVILLE - Florida Department of Health in Duval County (DOH-Duval) has launched its "**Go** to the Head of the Class: Back-to-School Immunizations and Physicals," campaign to assist parents and families with preparing for the upcoming school year. DOH-Duval encourages all parents and guardians to check the immunization status and school requirements for their children. As children and families across Duval County prepare to start another school year, it is vital that all students have their required immunizations and current physical examination forms.

DOH-Duval Immunizations Center, 5220 North Pearl Street, is offering the following Back-to-School services:

Walk-in services for all required School Immunizations

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

For those parents and families in need of School Physicals, walk-in services are also available

July 8 – August 21 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$30 per exam (no sports physicals)

"We encourage everyone to update their child's immunizations and physicals early, and not wait for the school rush," said DOH-Duval Director Dr. Kelli Wells. "There is no time like the present!"

The Florida Department of Health Bureau of Immunization encourages you to visit their website <u>www.immunizeflorida.com</u> to bring together the best resources on vaccines and provide consumers with easy-to-understand vaccination information.

Current DOH-Duval clients are encouraged to call 253-1130 to schedule an appointment. For more information about back-to-school immunizations and physicals call 904-253-1420.

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