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Oneida County Health Department Reminds Parents to Stay Up to Date with Immunizations

Summer has begun and is a great time to get those “To Do” lists done. Making sure your children are up to date with immunizations should be high on the list. All children, grades pre-K through 12th must receive all required doses of required vaccines in order to attend school in New York State.

Vaccinations provide immunity against serious health diseases, some life-threatening. Vaccines are safe and effective. They are studied through a team of medical and public health experts, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), who review data and make recommendations including who should receive the vaccines, when they would best be received and how many doses offer the best protection.

Within the first 14 days of school, if a child is not up to date with the required vaccinations, he or she could face exclusion from school in New York State. The only exemptions considered would be due to medical reasons. If children are unvaccinated or overdue, they must receive the first dose within those first 14 days and have a follow up plan to complete the required doses.

Parents should reach out to their children’s provider to make sure they have met all requirements for school and if not, make an appointment soon. We encourage parents to not delay. Providers may not be able to accommodate last minute appointments. Vaccines are also available at the Oneida County Health Department by appointment only by calling 315-798-5747. Hours vary and can be found at <https://www.ocgov.net/oneida/health/LocationsContactUs>.

“Vaccines are crucial to public health”, said Daniel W. Gilmore, Ph. D., MPH. “They not only protect the individual but they stop the spread of disease throughout the entire community”.

For more information about vaccines, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>. Additionally, to learn more about what is required in New York State specifically, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/>.

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