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**DOH Announces Back to School Vaccination Clinics and Extended Hours**  
*Officials Remind Parents of New Requirements for 2009-10 School Year*

**Washington, DC** – The DC Department of Health (DOH) announced four temporary vaccination clinics in DC Public Schools (DCPS) and extended hours at the DOH Immunization Clinic, to give families the opportunity to meet vaccination requirements before the start of school on August 24. All public and private school students are required to have their vaccinations by September 8. Parents should bring their children’s immunization cards with them when taking their child to get vaccinated. There are new immunization requirements for all grade levels for the 2009-10 school year.

“The best way to protect your children from entirely preventable diseases such as measles, mumps or chicken pox is to get them vaccinated,” said the Director of DOH, Dr. Pierre N.D. Vigilance MPH. “Every child that goes unvaccinated increases the chances that an outbreak will occur.”

**Required immunizations for all students already in place:**

- DTP/DTaP/Td
- Polio
- MMR
- Hepatitis B
- Hib

**New required immunizations:**

- All students - Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccine
- 4 years of age or younger - Pneumococcal Vaccine (1-4 age appropriate doses) and Hepatitis A
- Sixth through twelfth grade - Meningococcal Vaccine, tdap booster if five years have passed since last dose of DTP/DTaP/Td beginning at age 11, Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) for female students enrolling in sixth grade for the first time

“We know that parents and families are extremely busy preparing for the new school year, and we want to do everything in our power to make things easier,” said DCPS Chancellor Michelle Rhee. “These temporary clinics located conveniently inside DCPS

schools, will provide families with one more opportunity to ensure that their children meet the new requirements. We're grateful that DOH has agreed to partner with us—and we encourage all families to take advantage of this offer.”

DOH will set up vaccination clinics on the following dates, times and locations:

**Thursday, August 20th 2pm-10pm**

Kelly Miller Middle School  
301 49th St. NE 20019

Ballou High School  
3401 4th St. SE 20032

Kramer Middle School  
1700 Q St. SE 20020

Coolidge High School  
6315 5th St. NW 20011

**Friday, August 21st (9am-7pm)**

DOH Immunization clinic  
6323 Georgia Avenue, NW Suite 305

**Saturday, August 22nd (8am-4pm)**

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301 49th St. NE 20019

Ballou High School  
3401 4th St. SE 20032

Kramer Middle School  
1700 Q St. SE 20020

Coolidge High School  
6315 5th St. NW 20011

The Department of Health provides free vaccines for healthcare providers that serve Medicaid eligible children and the uninsured. The DOH also provides free immunizations for uninsured and under-insured District residents at its express clinic.

For more information about childhood immunizations or for a list of the express immunization clinics, contact the Citywide Call Center by dialing 311.

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