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Dear Families,

Maintaining high levels of immunization coverage is critical to preventing additional outbreaks in school and child care settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is more important than ever to continue getting your children in for their immunizations and other well-child visits.

We know that many families have skipped or delayed visits to the clinic over the last several months because of recommendations for preventing the spread of COVID-19. This has led to fewer children getting recommended immunizations. Unfortunately, this puts children at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases.

Health care providers in the state are ready to serve children for immunization services and get them caught up on vaccines they may have missed. Start by calling your primary care provider to request an appointment. If you have difficulty locating a provider for immunizations, please visit Where to Get Vaccinated

([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/vaxfinder.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/vaxfinder.html)) to find locations where your child can get vaccinated. The Minnesota Vaccines for Children program offers free or low-cost immunizations for eligible **children age 18 years and younger**. Go to Free or Low-Cost Shots for Children ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html)) to learn more and see if your child is eligible.

Talk with your doctor or clinic today about the immunizations your child needs and the safety measures they have in place to protect your family during COVID-19.

You can request a copy of your child's immunization record by calling 651-201-3980 or visiting Find My Immunization Record ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html)).

Sincerely,

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