

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Principal or Headmaster:

Subject: 2016-2017 Immunization School Entry Survey

The Alabama School Immunization Law, § 16-30-4, requires students be in compliance with school required vaccine to attend school. In accordance with this law, students must be immunized against the following diseases: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella. Vaccination information for each grade level, 3-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade is requested. The State of Alabama immunization requirements are available at <a href="http://www.adph.org/Immunization/assets/SchoolImmLaw.pdf">http://www.adph.org/Immunization/assets/SchoolImmLaw.pdf</a>.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Immunization Division, annually evaluates the immunization status of school-aged children using the Alabama School Entry Immunization Survey. For public schools, only the 1st page of the survey is needed if each school has assigned their students in Immunization Patients Resources with Integrated Technology (ImmPRINT). We will begin giving ImmPRINT access to private schools this year, so they can assign students. This assessment identifies students who need additional vaccines ordocumentation and assist in the school's effort to comply with statutory requirements.

In addition, ADPH no longer requires blue paper for the Certificate of Immunization (COI). The COI can be printed on any regular paper, http://www.adph.org/Immunization/assets/COI\_letter\_081516.pdf .

Please complete the Alabama School Entry Survey by Friday, December 30, 2016 online at <u>http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Forms/Form.asp?formID=5907</u>. Your school may be visited later in the school year by ADPH staff to validate information submitted on this survey. Please contact the Immunization Area compliance Consultants (IACC), map is enclosed, for questions or if you need more information about immunization requirements.

Thank you for your assistance in completing the 2016-2017 School Entry Survey.

Sincerely,

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