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**Got shots? Immunization clinics to be held July 9 - August 31**  
*Providers to schedule special office hours for childrens' back-to-school immunizations*

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, the New Mexico Primary Care Association, and healthcare providers from across the state are helping parents prepare children for going back to school.

Special immunization clinics will be held from July 9th through August 31st for all children 0-18 years. The special clinics are part of the *Got Shots* immunization campaign.

“Safe and effective vaccines have changed the landscape of childhood diseases and virtually eliminated some that once injured or killed thousands of children in the United States,” said Acting Department of Health Secretary, David R. Scrase, M.D. “Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect your child from many diseases. I encourage all New Mexico parents to take advantage of the upcoming clinics.”

School is right around the corner, and now is the time to make sure children are up to date on immunizations for school. *Got Shots* provides many opportunities for parents to take their children for needed immunizations. Immunizations are even more important for children and for families during the COVID pandemic.

Participating providers will offer immunizations to any child, regardless of whether they are a patient or have insurance as part of *Got Shots*. Some providers hold clinics on weekends or evening hours to accommodate parents' busy schedules. Parents should call ahead to the clinic to check if an appointment is needed. Parents need to bring their child's shot record and Medicaid or private health insurance card if they have insurance, even though immunizations are provided at no cost to parents.

The *Got Shots* immunization campaign is organized by the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, which includes the [New Mexico Primary Care Association](#) and the Department of Health. This year 66 community health centers, public health offices, and private practices across New Mexico are participating in *Got Shots*.

Parents can find immunization clinic locations nearest them by visiting [immunization.doh.nm.gov](https://immunization.doh.nm.gov). The Department of Health provides immunizations at no

cost year round at public health clinics in every county for uninsured children. To find your local public health office visit [www.nmhealth.org](http://www.nmhealth.org).

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