Subject Line:

Immunization Laws in Effect for In-Person Learning

Dear School Nurses and Administrators,

This message is being sent in partnership with the (Insert Partners or Organization here).

Many Washingtonians are excited to hear that in-person learning and outdoor sport activities are returning to schools. While COVID-19 vaccines are in the spotlight, vaccines required for school attendance are also important to keep students healthy in all learning environments.

***Take action now:***  Alert families that students need to be in compliance with school vaccination requirements before returning to any in-person instruction or sports. Identify families who need to be caught up and send reminder letters as soon as possible. Please help ensure that your school community is protected from vaccine preventable diseases during the pandemic. Find the immunization requirements and sample letters at [www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI](http://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI).

***New immunization laws:*** [Updated state immunization laws went into effect on August 1, 2020](https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges) for childcares, preschools, and K-12 campuses. New students must have medically verified documentation of immunizations. The 30-day grace period was removed; students must be up to date on the first day of in-person instruction. Families can check immunizations, identify needed vaccines, and print the CIS form using [MyIR](https://myir.net/), a portal of the Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIIS).

***Connect families with care:*** Families without a medical home can access healthcare services and immunizations through the [ParentHelp123](http://www.parenthelp123.org/).org website and the [Help Me Grow WA](https://www.parenthelp123.org/family-health-hotline) hotline.

***Resources***: WithinReach is hosting materials related to immunizations, COVID-19, and the return to in-person learning on their [Immunity Community](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fimmunitycommunitywa.org%2Fcovid-19-and-immunizations%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cmoleary%40snohd.org%7Cdc570bd3c8e14f430d6808d8c4adafd9%7C6bd456aabc074218897c4d0a6a503ee2%7C1%7C0%7C637475597548578633%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lEHwZBKiUgWELJUO1VRmMyA4Qtu7yn2q%2FieVppCaoq0%3D&reserved=0) website.

Thank you for your continued partnership and tireless service to the community.

Sincerely,