

The back to school rush of children needing vaccination is fast approaching. Please help us get the word out to parents to not wait until the last minute to vaccinate their child. The earlier the better! You may post this letter on your website, in addition to posting it on any bulletin the public may have access to read. This letter will help to explain that all local health departments and some health service regional clinics may not be able to vaccinate children who are covered by private health insurance policies. These children may be referred back to their primary care physician and obtaining an appointment at short notice may not be possible. As of January 1, 2012, the Texas Vaccines for Children program has changed the qualifications for children receiving their vaccines at participating clinics.

The 2012-2013 version of this letter is posted at the following URL:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to educate the parents of children in Texas schools.

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