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TO: County/District Superintendents, School Principals, and School Nurses

FROM: Michelle T. Parra, Ph.D., Director
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SUBJECT: **2013 Immunization Assessment of Kindergarten Students**
2013 Immunization Assessment of 7th Grade Students

California Health and Safety Code Section 120325-75 requires students to provide proof of immunization for school entry. Additionally, California Health and Safety Code Section 120375 and California Code of Regulation Section 6075 require all schools with Kindergarten or 7th Grade levels to assess and report annually on the immunization status of students in these grades. We request your assistance in ensuring that all California schools comply with this reporting requirement.

Kindergarten

Starting September 4, 2013, any school with Kindergarten students must submit their Immunization Assessment report online at www.ShotsforSchool.org. **All Kindergarten reports must be submitted by October 15, 2013.**

All students in Kindergarten are subject to the same immunization requirements, regardless of whether the Kindergarten program is traditional or transitional. Therefore, students in transitional kindergarten are required to meet the same kindergarten immunization requirements as traditional kindergarten students, and schools need to report on the status of each enrolled student. For additional information regarding transitional kindergarten, refer to *FAQs for Transitional Kindergarten* at www.shotsforschool.org/kindergarten-faq/

Instructions on completing the annual Kindergarten School Immunization Assessment reports are attached and also available online at www.shotsforschool.org/reportingtools, and include:

- [How to Complete the School Immunization Assessment Report: K](#)
- [Guide to the Immunizations Required for School Entry](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Kindergarten Immunization Assessment Worksheet: pdf | xls](#)

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Los Angeles County Immunization Program (LACIP), School Support Services Unit at (213) 351-7455 to request paper forms for reporting.

7th Grade

All students entering into 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap shot before starting school or an exemption on file.

Starting September 4, 2013, any school with 7th grade students must submit their Immunization Assessment report online at www.ShotsForSchool.org. **All 7th grade reports must be submitted by November 1, 2013.**

Instructions on completing the annual 7th Grade School Immunization Assessment reports are attached and also available online at www.shotsforschool.org/reportingtools, and include:

- [How to Complete the School Immunization Assessment Report: 7](#)
- [Guide to the Immunizations Required for School Entry](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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If you are interested in receiving training on how to complete the California School Immunization Record (CSIR), how to complete the Fall Assessment, or on immunization requirements for child care entry, please contact LACIP's School Support Services Unit at (213) 351-7455.

We appreciate your efforts to help protect California's school children from vaccine preventable diseases.

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