



May 30, 2019

Dear VFC Provider:

It's time to start planning for our back to school "Got Shots?" event which will take place July 27-August 17, 2019! **Please register now.** We are extending to 3 weeks this year to give flexibility to catch children before school registration and also to accommodate families after school begins. If your clinic would like to participate outside these three weeks, please contact us—we will do our best to include your dates. This year, a second dose of Hep A vaccine will be required for preschool and day care, and a single dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be required for 7th grade entry.

"Got Shots?" events provide extra opportunities for children to get any needed immunizations before school starts. Many children need immunizations in order to register for school, and we want to make sure every community has a participating "Got Shots?" site.

We ask that "Got Shots?" providers consider the following:

- Open their doors on one or more of the days during **July 27-August 17**, preferably during evening or weekend hours;
- See any child who presents for immunizations **without an appointment**, regardless of whether they are a patient or whether they have insurance;
- Bill insurance for the administration fee reimbursement, but during your event, we ask that you immunize all children **at no cost to the parent, including co-pays**;
- Complete and timely entry of all vaccines into NMSIIS

Once you register, we will provide pdf files of the "Got Shots?" posters for you to print and post in neighborhood locations, schools and at clinics to announce your clinic's participation and hours.

To ensure that we have enough incentives, please register by June 25. We will do our best to provide incentives for your office to hand out to the children participating in the event. If your practice is located outside of Albuquerque, please let us know when you will be in Albuquerque on/after June 26 to pick up your incentives. If you cannot come to Albuquerque, we will work with our partners and do our best to deliver the incentives to your region.

If providers do not have an eligibility worker, with advance notice, the NM Primary Care Association can help coordinate onsite Medicaid application assistance.

Please join the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Primary Care Association and the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, along with our managed care partners, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, and Western Sky Community Care, in making sure that all New Mexico children are immunized on time!

Be sure to fill out the attached registration form by **June 25, 2019**. Thanks in advance for your participation! Please contact any of us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Border Health Office/BEC/NMSU
Centers for Disease Control
GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines
Indian Health Service
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