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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDS SCHOOL SHOT LOCATION SATURDAY

BELLE GLADE, FL—Just two weeks remain before the start of school on August 18 and the Palm Beach County Health Department continues to accommodate those students needing immunizations for the school year.

A second site has now been added on Saturday, August 9 at 136 Main Street in Belle Glade from 9 AM to 12 noon for school shots and school physicals to those who need them. Early registration is suggested for this site by calling 561-996-3870 or 561-716-3957.

In addition, the immunization van will be at the Redemptive Life Fellowship Church, 2101 Australian Ave in West Palm Beach with registration beginning at 8:30 AM Saturday. The van will also be travelling throughout the coming weeks to various locations around the county and the Health Department Clinics are also taking appointments daily for the required shots that are free to students 18 years and under.

Palm Beach County Schools require all new registrants for Kindergarten and transfer students to show proof they have been vaccinated for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Hepatitis B. Students entering the seventh grade need a Tetanus/Diphtheria booster, Td, or can receive the booster with pertussis (whooping cough) added, TdaP. In recent years whooping cough has been on the rise and a second dose of the vaccine is now recommended for this age group. Also new for those entering Kindergarten is proof they have received a second dose of the Chicken Pox vaccine or show evidence they have had the disease.

Persons can also visit their medical provider. For further information, www.pbchd.com, or call 800-810-1225.

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