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SUBJECT:	School Entry Requirements		

As the 2020 school year begins, whether students will be attending virtually or in-person, the Louisiana school and daycare <u>vaccination entry requirements</u> have not changed. Vaccination requirements are essential tools for maintaining high vaccination coverage and low rates of vaccine-preventable diseases. Guidance to safely resume routine vaccination is located on the LINKS homepage at <u>https://lalinks.org/linksweb/docs/Safe\_Vaccine\_Administration\_during\_COVID-19.pdf</u>

The deadline for reporting vaccination or exemption data in LINKS remains October 1<sup>st</sup> for daycare centers and November 15<sup>th</sup> for schools. Please contact the Immunization Program staff for assistance in reporting.

Both the reporting rate and exemption rate will be available at the school-level later this month on the LDH Immunizations webpage under "Vaccination Coverage Maps."

Information about Louisiana reporting laws and immunization exemptions can be found at <u>https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3662</u>. Please contact the Immunization Program at 504-568-2600 if you have additional questions.