



Coastal Health District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

School and Childcare guidance has been slightly altered to compensate for our changing climate due to COVID-19. As we embark on the 2020 school assessment season, please be assured that Public Health supports you and will work to assist you when possible.

All students are to be assessed (kindergarten and seventh grade). Schools should maintain records for students in virtual and classroom settings. A certificate of immunization is required if the child has been entered onto the school roll or takes advantage of its programs, even though instruction may be provided through virtual means. Each enrolled student should have an up-to-date immunization certificate, medical exemption or religious exemption on file.

An audit of all Kindergarten students' immunization records will be performed by The Chatham County Health Department. Any student who **does not** have a 3231 (certificate of immunization) marked **complete for Kindergarten**, will be withdrawn from school.

Vaccines are safe and effective in protecting individuals from devastating and harmful diseases. Information for parents on vaccine preventable diseases can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents> and <http://www.gachd.org/>.

Please contact your child's physician if you are not sure if they have the required immunizations for school attendance. You may also contact the Chatham County Health Department for answers to your questions regarding immunizations.

Sincerely,

Chatham County Health Department



We Protect Lives.