

**August 3, 2018**

## **Back-to-school immunizations still available at Family Health sites**

MOBILE, Alabama — Time is running out for local students to get their school immunizations prior to the start of classes. The Mobile County Public School System gets under way on Monday, August 6, while other public and private school systems soon follow.

Alabama’s School Immunization Law Section 16-30-4 states each student enrolled in day care, Head Start, and public or private schools has a valid Certificate of Immunization (COI) — previously known as “blue cards” — or a Religious Exemption Form on file at the facility they attend.

State of Alabama School Rules Chapter 420-6-1 (1) states the COI will be on a form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), which is the one printed from ImmPRINT (Immunization Patient Resources with Integrated Technology). All required vaccines must be recorded before the COI can be submitted to the schools.

The Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) and its primary care division — Family Health — are offering immunizations to students at all of its health centers conveniently located throughout Mobile County. For our locations or times, please visit [www.familyhealthalabama.org](http://www.familyhealthalabama.org).

Urgent Care at 251 North Bayou Street in Downtown Mobile is open from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, Urgent Care is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

Patients who receive their vaccinations through Family Health will receive the up-to-date COI at no charge.

All non-Family Health patients will be charged an administration fee of \$10 per patient to receive an up-to-date COI. If vaccines are not up-to-date, parents or guardians should follow-up with their primary care provider or schedule a same day/next day appointment at one of the Family Health’s clinics by calling 251-690-8889.

Clients not receiving services through Family Health will be charged a one-time administration fee of \$30 per patient if requesting Family Health to enter immunizations into ImmPRINT from other states to generate an Alabama COI.

Individuals requesting a religious exemption must submit a Statement of Intent and be prepared to view a video during the appointment.

Religious exemptions may be obtained by appointment only on the First Floor of the Keeler Memorial Building located at 251 North Bayou Street in Downtown Mobile. The appointments with Angela Alexander will take place on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment, please call Tyra Harris or Aimee Walton at 251-690-8981 or 251-690-7686.