

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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FLORIDA SHOTS HELPS PARENTS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS KEEP KIDS HEALTHY

TALLAHASSEE- As parents send their children back to school, the Florida Department of Health remains committed to safeguarding the health of Florida's children by increasing immunization levels. Florida's State Health Online Tracking System (SHOTS) helps ensure that the required immunization records for child-care and school attendance are easy to locate. Florida SHOTS is a free, statewide, secure online immunization registry that helps health care providers and schools keep track of immunization records.

"The Florida SHOTS registry offers a variety of benefits for parents, physicians, hospitals, schools and pharmacists," said Dr. Celeste Philip, Deputy Secretary for Health and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services. "Better immunization levels mean better health for all of Florida's children."

Florida SHOTS allows health care providers to easily determine the immunizations a child needs based on past immunization history, age and medical conditions. Qualified health care providers who want to get started using Florida SHOTS, with direct access to the system, can enroll online in minutes and receive account access in as little as one hour. Health care providers can learn how to use the registry's tools and features in quick, free training segments - at their own pace and schedule with web-based training available 24/7. All training resources are available in English and Spanish through www.flshotsusers.com/training. These trainings are available for both Vaccines for Children (VFC) program participants and non-VFC participating health care providers.

Florida SHOTS data upload feature allows health care practices to automatically update shot records from their existing medical software into the registry by batch and real time web-service upload. This increases efficiency and accuracy.

The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote & improve the health of all people through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit www.FLHealth125.gov for more information.

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