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**SCHEDULE BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS NOW TO AVOID DELAY**

**PENSACOLA, FL** – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (DOH-Escambia) reminds parents to protect their children’s health and prepare them to return to school. In Escambia County, Florida, children entering the seventh grade are required to receive the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

After sustaining heavy damage in the recent flood, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County’s Fairfield Drive location remains closed for repairs. Due to this closure, DOH-Escambia is currently providing immunization services in a limited capacity. Immunizations are available, by appointment only, at the Northside Clinic in Ensley. The clinic is located at 8390 North Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida.

Parents wishing to have their child vaccinated at DOH-Escambia’s Immunizations Clinic need to make an appointment. Children may also be vaccinated at their physician’s office. Parents of children needing school-required vaccinations are urged to handle this matter as soon as possible in order to ensure that the child may be vaccinated prior to the start of school.

DOH-Escambia’s Immunizations Clinic is open Monday through Friday, but will be closed on July 4, 2014 in observance of Independence Day. Appointments fill quickly and are same-day or next-day only. Persons wishing to schedule an appointment should call 850-484-5151.

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