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Dear Parents,

Please be aware that beginning **October 1, 2012**, if your child/children have insurance that covers immunizations, they will **not** be able to receive vaccines at local health departments; they will need to visit their primary health care provider for these services.

Brown County Health Department encourages you to plan ahead to ensure your child/children are fully vaccinated during this back-to-school time. If you are unable to secure an appointment with your health care provider, you may still bring them in to your local health department **before October 1, 2012** to receive needed immunizations.

After October 1st, children under 19 are eligible to receive vaccinations at their local health department if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Medicaid eligible:** A child who is eligible for the Medicaid program. (For the purposes of the VFC program, the terms "Medicaid-eligible" and "Medicaid-enrolled" are equivalent and refer to children who have health insurance covered by a state Medicaid program)
- **Uninsured:** A child who has no health insurance coverage
- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (**25 U.S.C. 1603**)
- **Underinsured:** A child who has commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does **not include vaccines, a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount.** Once that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as underinsured. Underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccine only through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

Brown County Health Department encourages you to make sure that your children are up-to-date on their immunizations and to bring them in now if they need vaccines. To check the immunization status of your child, you can contact Brown County Health Department or your health care provider, or look up your child's immunization record in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry at <https://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization>.

Brown County Health Department has made changes to our programming to allow for increased access to our services. We are now providing immunizations by appointment 4 days a week, as well as providing appointment-based clinics for non-English speaking clients. Please call Brown County Health Department at 920-448-6400 to schedule an appointment.

If you have questions regarding this change, please call the Brown County Health Department at: (920) 448-6400.

Sincerely,

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