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**TO:** Prevention Partnership Providers and  
Local Public Health Units

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**RE:** Immunization Recall of North Dakota Children Entering Kindergarten and Seventh  
Grade for the 2014 – 2015 School Year

**DATE:** June 3, 2014

North Dakota law requires that children attending kindergarten be age-appropriately immunized with diphtheria tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP), hepatitis B, polio (IPV), measles mumps and rubella (MMR) and varicella vaccines. In addition to childhood vaccines that are required for kindergarten entry, preteens entering seventh grade this fall are required to receive one dose of tetanus diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) and one dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccines, in addition to other required vaccines. For complete list of vaccines required for school entry please visit:

[www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Documents/Schools/SchoolRequirements2014-2015.pdf](http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Documents/Schools/SchoolRequirements2014-2015.pdf).

In order to improve the immunization coverage among children entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will be conducting a one-time, statewide immunization recall of kids entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2014-2015 school year. The immunization program will recall children who are past due for the required vaccines based on the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS). Parents of children who are past due for the required vaccines will receive a letter with the name of the child detailing which vaccines their child needs to be considered up-to-date for school entry. The letters will be mailed to parents of children entering kindergarten on June 9, 2014 and to parents of children entering seventh grade on June 16, 2014.

The recall letters will refer parents to contact their child's primary health-care provider or local public health unit. Providers should expect to receive calls from parents who have been notified that their child is past due for immunizations and want to schedule an appointment for vaccination.

Parents are able to opt-out of receiving immunization recalls. They will need to complete an electronic form that is available on the immunization program website at:

[www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Reminder/Default.aspx](http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Reminder/Default.aspx) .

If you have any questions, please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.