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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

Soon, children across Sedgwick County will pack up their backpacks and head back to school. This reminds us to take certain precautions to ensure they enjoy another healthy, safe school year.

Back-to-school physicals and immunizations are important for a child's health. If your student is a school athlete, he or she will be required to have a sports physical in order to participate. Even if your child is not an athlete, the back-to-school season is a good time to have physicals performed. It is a good routine to get in to ensure your child is healthy and that potential problems are identified early.

Immunizing a child before school is not only important for his or her health, but many immunizations are required for children to attend school or daycare. When taking a child for his or her immunizations, it is important parents bring the child's shot record. If you have any questions regarding immunizations, call your health care provider or the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7300. Uninsured children under the age of 18 can receive free immunizations from the Sedgwick County Health Department at "Celebrate Your Children, Celebrate You, a community health and wellness fair." The

event will be held Saturday, August 4 at the new Boys & Girls Club, 2400 N Opportunity Drive.

During the summer months, drivers grow accustomed to maintaining their regular speed through school crossings. Accident prevention begins with anticipation of what might be on the road, including children. Sedgwick County reminds citizens to be aware of school crossings and other locations where children congregate. Drivers from either direction also should remember to stop when a stop sign is extended on a school bus.

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