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## **DeKalb Health Centers Extend Clinic Hours and Walk-In Availability for Back-to-School Season**

**DECATUR, Ga.** – It’s almost that time, again! In the coming weeks, the school bell, marking the beginning of another new school year, will ring once again for students in DeKalb County; with the City Schools of Decatur starting July 30 and the DeKalb County School District starting Aug. 5.

Beginning Mon., July 29, DeKalb Public Health will kick off the upcoming school year with extended clinic hours and walk-in availability through August 17. Health centers will be open until 7:30 p.m., July 30 through Aug. 1, and again on Aug. 6 and Aug. 7. Services will include immunizations, vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screenings. Birth certificates will also be available through our Vital Records office.

“Back-to-school rush has a special and personal significance this year, as my oldest child is off to kindergarten,” said Dr. Sandra J. Valenciano, District Health Director and CEO of DeKalb Public Health. “I empathize with everything that my fellow parents and caregivers are going through. While this may be a stressful time for all of us, having the proper immunizations and screenings are essential for our children to have a healthy start to the new school year.”

Due to the anticipated volume of families with children preparing to return to the classroom, we will only be accepting walk-ins for back-to-school services between Mon. July 29 and Wed. Aug. 17. Parents should plan to arrive as early as possible.

Parents should bring:

- Each child and his/her immunization record.
- Each child’s insurance card. DeKalb Public Health accepts Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids and State Health Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United HealthCare). Other insurance plans may be accepted. Please call to verify.
- Cash, a debit or credit card, or a check drawn from a Georgia bank.

For more information about school health entry requirements or any of DeKalb Public Health’s programs and services, visit [dekalbpublichealth.com](http://dekalbpublichealth.com) or call 404-294-3700.

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