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School Screening Guidance School Year 2020-2021

Additional guidance using the maximum time allowed to require submission of Form 3300 and Form 3231 and to complete required scoliosis screenings is provided below.

- Form 3300 Hearing, Vision, Dental and Nutritional Screening: Form 3300 is required to be presented to school authorities when a child is being admitted for the first time to public school in Georgia. Current law requires students to have Form #3300 on file within 3 months from the date of enrollment. Due to COVID-19, for the school year 2020-21, many families are having trouble arranging for the required screenings. <u>The Georgia Department of Public Health</u> encourages schools to exercise flexibility provided under current law (3 months) for students to complete and submit Form #3300.
- 2. Form 3231 Immunizations:

Children are required to receive specific immunizations prior to beginning school. Under the current law, <u>schools have the ability to grant a 90-day waiver of these</u> <u>requirements</u> provided the parent or legal guardian shows the child is in the process of completing the required immunizations. Due to COVID-19, for the school year 2020-21, many families are having trouble arranging for the required vaccinations. <u>The Georgia Department of Public Health encourages schools to</u> <u>exercise flexibility provided under current law (90 days) in allowing families to</u> <u>submit a Certificate of Immunization for their children.</u>

3. Scoliosis Screening:

Scoliosis Screening is required to be completed in two grades annually. Under current law, scoliosis screening can occur <u>any time</u> during the school year. Since local public health conducts school scoliosis screenings, <u>District Health Directors</u> <u>have been advised to postpone the screenings until the spring semester</u>. At the beginning of spring semester, <u>the Georgia Department of Public Health</u> will reassess to determine if scoliosis screenings can be provided at that time or whether further postponement is needed.