

# YOUR CHILD NEEDS SHOTS FOR SCHOOL



Immunizations (shots) protect children from some diseases. To help students stay healthy, some shots are required to go to public school in California.

## What do we need to do?

- Make sure your child has a doctor.
- Call your child's doctor and find out what shots are needed.
- When shots are needed, make an appointment for a well check-up. Shots are an important part of that visit. Be sure to do this before school starts!
- Your child can get kindergarten shots as early as 4 years old.
- Your pre-teen can get middle school shots between 9 and 11 years old.



## What if we cannot get an appointment before school starts?

- Call your child's doctor. Ask if they have a walk-in clinic for shots. Your doctor's phone number is on the front of your Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) ID card.
- Call your local Public Health Department. Most health departments have no-cost shots for PHC members.
- Call PHC Care Coordination at **(800) 809-1350** if you need help finding the phone number for your local health department.



For help, call our Member Services Department from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (800) 863-4155. TTY: (800) 735-2929 or 711. Visit us at [www.partnershiphp.org](http://www.partnershiphp.org)

