



## News Release

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### **UDOH Creates Online Reminder Service for Children's Immunizations**

(Salt Lake City, UT)- The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is making it easier for busy parents to remember what immunizations their children need and when they should get them. Based on information gathered from parent focus groups, the UDOH's Utah Immunization Program recently developed an email service that will automatically remind enrolled parents when their children's immunizations are due.

The immunization reminder service is located on the Utah Immunization Program Web site at [www.immunize-utah.org](http://www.immunize-utah.org) and can be easily accessed by clicking on the "Immunize Them" icon.

The immunization reminder service is an online, computer-based program that generates an email message to enrolled parents describing which immunizations are recommended for children **two months** through **one year** of age. The vaccine information provided is based on the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"For years, we have advised parents to immunize children on time," says Linda Abel, Immunization Program Manager, UDOH. "Approximately 20 percent of Utah's two-year-olds are under-immunized and under-protected. It is obvious from Utah's low immunization levels that children are not getting adequately immunized and now, the electronic immunization reminder service will help busy parents stay on track."

The reminder service is based on a child's birth date and is strictly voluntary. Parents can register to receive email reminders about their children's vaccinations by providing a child's birth date and a current email address. It is not necessary to provide any other personal information such as the parent's or child's name. For more information about the immunization reminder service or immunizations, contact the Immunization Hotline at 1-800-275-0659.

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