Back-to-School Health Implications and Actions

School Status		Pre-k & Elementary	Middle School	High School & College
Schools Reopen	Implications	Well-child visit and vaccination demand surge Potential increase in infectious diseases, such as Measles and Whooping Cough, alongside a potential second wave of COVID-19	Vaccinations are critical and pent up demand in the healthcare system Potential spread of infectious diseases Extensive education on proper social distancing and safety precautions	Early and steep increase in flu shot demand Potential increased rate of infection with higher susceptibility amongst young adults Increased need for education on social distancing and safety precautions Education on susceptibility risk and social responsibility
	Actions	Schedule well-child visits and ensure vaccinations are up-to-date Educating children on back-to-school safety precautions	Schedule well-child visits and ensure vaccinations are up-to-date Education on keeping children and families safe	Schedule flu shot, other vaccinations, and yearly wellness visit Educate teens and young adults on the increased risk and the safety precautions necessary
Online-Only School	Implications	Potential delay in crucial infectious disease vaccinations and well-child visits, increasing potential for infectious disease spread Gaps in socialization skills in key timeframe Gaps in awareness around child issues otherwise seen in person, such as mental health and child abuse Easier to keep children safe	Potential delay in crucial infectious disease vaccinations and well-child visits, increasing potential for infectious disease spread Gap in socialization skills with distance learning Gaps in awareness around child issues otherwise seen in person – mental health, child abuse, malnutrition Easier to keep children safe	Potential for care avoidance or delay in care, including delaying flu shots Opportunities for socialization continue mostly through online channels vs. inperson Easier to keep teens and young adults safe; however, potential increase for in-person socialization opportunities
	Actions	Build a sense structure for young children with opportunities for safe socialization Schedule well-child visits and ensure vaccines are up-to-date	Maintain a sense of structure for kids; build opportunities for connection and safe socialization Schedule well-child visits for vaccines; discuss safety precautions	Schedule flu shot and yearly well visit Support and encourage socialization via FaceTime and phone rather than via text and social media only Maintain sense of structure and develop sense of social responsibility

