Mayo Clinic Minute

The importance of saving your child's back to school immunization records

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Kids going into school, then kids getting shots.	Back-to-school time means it's also time to double check your child's immunizations.
ROBERT JACOBSON, M.D. PEDIATRIC MEDICINE Mayo Clinic Dr. Jacobson on cam first few seconds, then blurred picture of kids playing outside as graphics naming each of the diseases pop onto screen.	00:02:10 "Every schoolchild should be up to date on all the vaccines, but the ones most often missed for the child who's entering kindergarten or first grade is the diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and the polio vaccine, and then the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine and the varicella vaccine."
	Mayo Clinic pediatrician Dr. Robert Jacobson says 11 to 12-year-olds often miss the Tdap shot, as well. Eleven or 12 is also a good time for a follow-up of the Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, and then again at age 16.
	Finally, he says the HPV vaccine series should be started and completed by age 13. And getting a copy of your child's immunization records can be just as important as the vaccines themselves.
ROBERT JACOBSON, M.D. PEDIATRIC MEDICINE Mayo Clinic	00:02:46 "Frequently, your children grow up, become adults, and then are looking for those records. And even if you've kept your child up to date, those records that your child have may be very important to their employment or schooling, and may be not so easy for them to get."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Ian Roth.