



K-12 IMMUNIZATIONS INFO FOR PARENTS

Michigan School Immunization Requirements 2020-2021

Students enrolled in grades K to 12 in both public and private schools must be up-to-date on the following shots based on their grade level **regardless of in-person or virtual instruction**:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- DTaP or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough)
- Polio
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Tdap (whooping cough booster required before seventh grade)
- Meningitis (before seventh grade)

Vaccines are important to protect students from diseases such as measles, chicken pox, and whooping cough, which can spread easily in schools.

Follow these steps to make sure your child is ready for school.

1. **Schedule** your child's well visit/physical early before school starts. Getting the required immunizations before the start of the school year ensures your child will be ready for school.
2. **Ask** your child's healthcare provider what vaccines your child needs. Some vaccines are not required for school attendance but are highly recommended for all students.
When every student receives an annual flu vaccine it protects schools from flu outbreaks. Adolescents also need the HPV vaccine to protect against preventable cancers.
3. **Obtain** a new Michigan Immunization Record print-out every time your child has a shot.
4. **Give** a copy of the new Michigan Immunization Record to your child's school for their files.

Protect against the Preventable

Children must follow state vaccine laws to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect your child from other serious diseases is to follow the recommended vaccination schedule. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Visit www.bchdmi.org to learn more.

Get your child vaccinated or check their vaccine history at the Berrien County Health Department. For an appointment in Benton Harbor, Niles, or Three Oaks, call 269-926-7121 or visit www.bchdmi.org.



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SCHOOLS VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY IN MICHIGAN

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect students in your care from other serious diseases is to promote the recommended vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines. Encourage parents to follow CDC's recommended schedule; by doing so, school requirements will be met.



	All Kindergarteners and 4-6 year old transfer students	All 7th Graders and 7-18 year old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)	4 doses DTP or DTaP 1 dose must be at or after 4 years of age	4 doses diphtheria and tetanus or 3 doses if 1st dose given at or after 1 year of age 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Polio	4 doses 3 doses if dose 3 was given at or after 4 years of age	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	None	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or Current lab immunity or History of varicella disease	

During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated students may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Read more about waivers at www.Michigan.gov/Immunize.

*If the student has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.

All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for school entry purposes.

