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School Entry Immunization Documentation Requirements for the 2011-2012 school year

Since 1978 Michigan Law requires that each student upon entry into kindergarten or into a new school district involving grades 1-12 possess a certificate of immunization at the time of registration and no later than the first day of school. Additionally, an immunization assessment must be completed for each sixth grade student. These laws were implemented to ensure that children are adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases prior to achieving adolescence.

Prior to a child entering or attending school, parents or guardians are required to produce documentation confirming their child has received all required immunizations, or in the alternative, their child has received at least one dose of each required immunization and is awaiting receipt of subsequent doses to be administered at appropriate intervals. There are also provisions to waive vaccines under certain circumstances.

Please refer to the chart below when you have questions regarding the required immunizations for your student. If you have a *kindergarten student, a sixth grade student, or are enrolling a student who is new to the school district or new to a private school* you **must** present immunization documentation to your school at the time you register that student or not later than the first day of school.

Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan School Settings

Entry Requirements for All Public & Non-Public Schools		
Age → Vaccine** ↓	4 years through 6 years	7 years through 18 years including all 6th grade students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age	4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if #1 given on or after 7 years of age. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 through 18 years IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine.
Polio	4 doses, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required	3 doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	2 doses on or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal	None	1 dose for children 11-18 years of age
Varicella* (Chickenpox)	2 doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

* Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

For more information, please refer to www.michigan.gov/immunize

**All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.