

IMMUNIZATIONS

Vaccine-preventable diseases are still with us

Sections 9208 and 9211 of the Michigan Public Health Code require that students entering 6th grade or changing school districts be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox) in order to attend school.

Immunization requirements have been revised. Students age 7 years through 18 years who are changing school districts beginning January 1, 2010, and students entering 6th grade in the fall of 2010 must have the immunizations listed on the following Michigan Department of Community Health flier in order to attend school.

If your child needs these shots, you may take him/her to your doctor or county health department. If you have an objection to any of the immunizations that are recognized under the current public health code, a waiver form is available in the Guidance Office.

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.**