



An Important Message from the Macomb County Health Department for Parents/Guardians of 6th and 7th Grade Students:

IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY AND CONTINUED ATTENDANCE

- Since 1978, Michigan law requires parents or guardians to present a certificate of immunization for their child at the time of school registration or no later than the first day of school.
- Schools are required to assess and report the immunization status of all childcare, kindergarten, new to district entrants and **7th grade students**.
- The 7th grade requirements are as follows with the adolescent doses bolded.
- **To avoid the August back-to-school rush, contact your physician or local health department NOW to schedule an appointment for vaccine administration.**

TO ENTER SCHOOL A 7th GRADE or OLDER CHILD MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACCINES:

- **1 dose of Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) for all children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher**
- **1 dose of Meningococcal Conjugate for all children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher**
- 1 dose of Polio
- 1 dose of Hepatitis B
- 1 dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Administered on or after 12 months of age
- 1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox) Administered on or after 12 months of age

TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL A 7th GRADE or OLDER CHILD MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACCINES:

- 4 doses of Diphtheria and Tetanus If dose 1 was given on or after the 1st birthday, 3 doses are required
- 4 doses of polio If dose 3 was administered on or after the 4th birthday, 3 doses are required
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of MMR on or after 12 months of age
- 2 doses of Varicella on or after 12 months of age OR current laboratory proof of immunity OR reliable history of disease

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Documentation of month, day and year is required for each vaccine administered.
- Immunization dates will be assessed for the required minimum age and time intervals between all vaccines to determine if the doses are valid.

IMMUNIZATIONS CAN BE DEFERRED IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- Laboratory evidence of immunity can be accepted for Hepatitis B, MMR and Varicella.¹
- Written statement of varicella disease history from a parent/guardian or physician is acceptable.²
- A valid medical contraindication exists preventing the child from receiving a vaccine(s).³
- A parent or guardian has religious or other objection to a vaccine(s).⁴

¹ Written laboratory test results with reference ranges must be submitted to the Macomb County Health Department for review.

² In the case of a varicella outbreak at your school, parents/guardians will be required to obtain a **statement of varicella disease from a physician or the child will be excluded from school**.

³ Contact your school office for information about obtaining and submitting a **Medical Contraindication Form** for review by the Macomb County Health Department Medical Director.

⁴ A **nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form** is available **by appointment only**, at the Macomb County Health Department School Immunization Program. Call (586)466-6840 to schedule a waiver education appointment.