

NEW IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

WHICH IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY?

The Michigan Public Act Rule (R325.176) became effective January 1, 2015, which outlines the immunization requirements for school entry. All new school entrants are required to present a complete certificate of immunization that includes Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chickenpox), and Meningococcal for 7th grade and higher with children 11 years of age and older.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Michigan has one of the highest immunization waiver rates. This means that many children have not received all the required vaccines, which has contributed to the recent outbreaks of diseases such as Measles, Mumps, Pertussis and Chickenpox. There are children who could have a serious or even fatal outcome if exposed to these diseases. The new rules also require all parents/guardians that choose *not* to fully immunize their children, to attend an immunization education session. It is up to ALL of us to make sure ALL children are protected and that parents make informed decisions about vaccinations when choosing to waive the immunizations required for school entrance. The Lenawee County Health Department's responsibility is to make sure the public is protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T IMMUNIZE YOUR CHILD?

Without immunization:

- Your child is at a greater risk of getting a vaccine-preventable disease
- Your child can infect others, including infants and the elderly, who are at risk of having more severe illness
- Your child may be excluded from school or child care for several days or weeks at a time to prevent becoming infected with or spreading a vaccine-preventable disease

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

We strongly urge you to make sure your children are fully vaccinated. If you choose to *waive* your child's immunization(s), you will need to make an appointment at the Lenawee County Health Department for immunization education. The new rule does not take away parents' rights to obtain a non-medical waiver. A completed waiver can be provided to you at the end of the appointment, with the Lenawee Health Department stamp, so you can give it to your child's school.

To make an appointment call (517) 264-5226, option 2.



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WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATION WAIVERS?

For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/immunize.

You may also call and ask to speak to a nurse at the Lenawee County Health Department Immunization Program at (517) 264-5226.