



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH PERSONAL FAMILY HEALTH

As children prepare to head back to school, LMAS District Health Department is highlighting two important services that help keep children healthy, protected, and ready to learn: immunizations and hearing and vision screenings.

Immunizations are vital for preventing infectious diseases, reducing childhood illnesses, and protecting communities. MDHHS recommends following immunization timelines from expert groups like the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). High vaccination rates provide protection against outbreaks such as measles and pertussis.

Any of the LMAS offices regularly schedule immunization appointments for children and adolescents heading back to school. Please see the attached immunization schedule to see what your child might be due for.

Free hearing and vision screenings are offered by appointment at LMAS, and through public, private, and charter schools, as well as preschools, head start programs, and large childcare centers. Under the Michigan Public Health Code, children entering kindergarten for the first time must be screened for both hearing and vision before the first day of school. Our technician screens many of these children at kindergarten round ups in the spring, and then at regularly scheduled times throughout the year. She goes into the schools to screen hearing for children in grades K, 2, and 4. She also screens vision for children in grades 1,3,5,7, and 9 (in conjunction with driver's training). If you have a concern about your child's hearing or vision, please do not hesitate to contact one of our LMAS offices to schedule a screening.



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Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan

Whenever children are in group settings, there is a chance for disease to spread. Parents must follow state vaccine laws in order for their children to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in group settings. The best way to protect children from serious diseases is to follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#). When following the recommended schedule children are fully protected and any school vaccination requirements are met.



	All kindergartners and 4–6-year-old transfer students	All 7th graders and 7–18-year-old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap) ¹	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 on or after 1 year of age. 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses if dose 3 was given on or after 4 years of age.	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age.	
Hepatitis B ^{1,2}	3 doses.	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) ¹	None.	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Varicella (Chickenpox) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or current lab immunity or history of varicella disease.	

¹Vaccines should be given at certain ages and at certain times (follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#) for the recommended number of doses, correct spacing, and ages); this chart is based on Michigan school immunization requirements. We strongly encourage parents and providers to follow the AAP recommended schedule because school requirements are the minimum for protection. Follow this chart when assessing immunization status for school immunization requirements.

²If the child has not received these vaccines, documented immunity or an exemption is required. During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical exemption from a local health department. Read more about exemptions at [Michigan.gov/Immunize](https://www.michigan.gov/immunize).

Hearing & Vision Screening Requirements		
Preschool	X	X
Kindergarten Entry	X	X
Kindergarten	X	
First Grade		X
Second Grade	X	
Third Grade		X
Fourth Grade	X	
Fifth Grade		X
Seventh Grade		X
Ninth Grade		X