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## 2023-2024 Immunization and Vision Screening Enrollment Requirements

Dear Parent/Guardian of students new to the Ann Arbor Public Schools:

Welcome to the Ann Arbor school system. As you prepare to enroll your child, please be aware that Michigan General School law requires, at the time of registration or no later than the first school day, a statement signed by a health professional or health department with the month, day and year of the following required immunizations. In addition to the required immunizations, vision screening is required for kindergartners enrolling for the first time.

### **For children 4 years through 6 years of age:**

- a. 4 doses of DTP or DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Acellular Pertussis) vaccine. One dose must be on or after 4 years of age.
- b. 4 doses of Polio vaccine. If the third dose was administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required.
- c. 2 doses of any appropriate live MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine received after the 1st birthday, (2nd dose administered at least 28 days from the 1st dose) OR current laboratory evidence of measles, mumps or rubella immunity. Documented disease history alone is not acceptable. Live virus vaccines must either be given on the same date or separated by at least 28 days to ensure a proper immune response to the second dose. Otherwise, the second vaccine given will not be counted as a valid dose, and will need to be repeated in 28 days.
- d. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. There must be at least 28 days between the first and second dose. The third dose must be given at least 8 weeks after the second dose and 16 weeks after the first dose. For infants, the third dose must not be given earlier than 24 weeks of age.
- e. 2 doses of Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox). The 1st dose is required on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 3 months after the 1st dose. A parent or medical provider statement that a child has had chicken pox is sufficient. Live virus vaccines must either be given on the same date or separated by at least 28 days to ensure a proper immune response to the second dose.
- f. The Parent or guardian of each child enrolling in kindergarten shall also submit a statement signed by a district, county, or city health department director stating that the child has been administered the department of community health preschool vision screening test, or signed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician or a licensed optometrist stating that the child's eyes have been examined during the preschool years after age 3 and before initial entrance. A vision test is not required if there is a statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child cannot be submitted to the test because of religious convictions.

### **For children 7 years through 10 years of age:**

- a. 4 doses of D and T (Diphtheria and Tetanus) OR 3 doses of Td if the 1st dose was received on or after the 7th birthday. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 through 18 years of age if it has been 5 years since the last dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria containing vaccine.
- b. 3 doses of Polio vaccine.
- c. 2 doses of any appropriate live MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine received after the 1st birthday, (2nd dose administered at least 28 days from the 1st dose) OR current laboratory evidence of measles, mumps or rubella immunity. Documented disease history alone is not acceptable. Live virus vaccines must either be given on the same date or separated by at least 28 days to ensure a proper immune response to the second dose. Otherwise, the second vaccine given will not be counted as a valid dose, and will need to be repeated in 28 days.

- d. 3 doses of Hepatitis B. There must be at least 28 days between the first and second dose. The third dose must be given at least 8 weeks after the second dose and 16 weeks after the first dose. For infants, the third dose must not be given earlier than 24 weeks of age.
- e. 2 doses of Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox). The first dose is required on or after the 1st birthday. For persons aged 7 through 12 years, the minimal interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is 3 months. For persons aged 13 years and older, the minimal interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is 28 days. A parent or medical provider statement that a child has had chicken pox is sufficient. Live virus vaccines must either be given on the same date or separated by at least 28 days to ensure a proper immune response to the second dose.
- f. 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 6th grade or higher.

**Information on new State of Michigan rules regarding immunization waivers. Effective January 1, 2015.**

**Medical Immunization waivers** need to be obtained and signed by a physician and presented to the school.

- Any families seeking a **Non-Medical Immunization waiver** must complete an immunization education course through the Washtenaw County Public Health Department. It is the family's obligation to schedule and attend this course. **Waivers are issued and endorsed only through the County Health Department** (see Public Health Code – PA 368 of 1978). The school district will no longer distribute waivers. Parents seeking a Non-Medical Wavier should be directed to contact the Washtenaw County Health department, 734-222-4357.
- **Families may enroll students in school; however, until necessary immunization information is obtained students will not be able to attend school. This is in accordance with Public Health Code (PA 368 of 1978) and the State School Aide Act (PA 94 of 1979).**

**Even with a waiver of immunization(s) on file, your child will be excluded from school if a case of one of the above diseases is reported in your child's school.** Previous school records with the above immunization information can be accepted. If the school district does not have all of this information on file, your child cannot be admitted.

In addition to the required documentation of the above immunizations or a signed waiver for those immunizations, a "Health History and Physical Examination" form, completed and signed by the student's physician is requested by the Ann Arbor Public Schools. The form is available in your school office. Principals and school nurses will assist you in any way possible in complying with these requests.

Again, we welcome you to the Ann Arbor Public School System and look forward to partnering with you in your child's education this year.

Sincerely,

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