



MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Add immunizations to back-to-school checklist

Stanton- It seems not so long ago that kids were celebrating the last day of school, and already find themselves preparing for the start of another school year. And while families are surely trying to pack the last bit of fun into what's left of summer, don't forget to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their immunizations before the bell rings on the first day of school.

Obviously, all school-aged children need to be protected against vaccine preventable diseases, but it is especially important for those entering kindergarten or 6th grade, and for those changing school districts or starting college, as certain vaccinations may be mandatory. Diseases such as Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Meningitis and Chickenpox (Varicella) are all vaccine-preventable, so be sure to check with your health care provider if you are unsure whether or not your child is protected.

If you discover that your child does need one or more vaccinations, keep in mind that Mid-Michigan District Health Department provides immunizations by appointment to those with Medicaid and without insurance. A small fee may apply for immunizations, but no child is turned away because of the inability to pay.

Children from birth through 18 years of age may be eligible for Vaccines for Children (VFC), which provides vaccine at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. To qualify, a child must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have Medicaid
- Have no health insurance
- Be under-insured
- Be an American Indian or Alaskan Native

Those with certain private insurance plans may also be able to get vaccinated at the health department; just be sure to call first to make sure your insurance is accepted, and to make an appointment.

For more information regarding VFC, or to make an appointment, please visit www.mmdhd.org or contact Mid-Michigan District Health Department at:

Clinton County: 989-224-2195
Gratiot County: 989-875-3681
Montcalm County: 989-831-5237

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