

Important immunization information for parents/guardians

Please be aware of changes made by the State of Michigan regarding student immunizations effective January 1, 2015



Parents of new kindergarten students are required to provide the school with proof of immunization or an appropriately certified medical or nonmedical immunization waiver at the time of registration.

If your child has a medical reason for not receiving a vaccine, a physician must sign a State of Michigan Medical Contraindication form, which is available at the doctor's office.

Parents considering a nonmedical waiver for immunization should note the following important points regarding that process:

- Immunization waivers are no longer available through local schools
- Nonmedical immunization waivers can only be obtained at the Macomb County Health Department
- Parents will need to contact the Macomb County Health Department at (586) 469-5235 to obtain a nonmedical waiver known as the State of Michigan Immunization Waiver form
- Parents requesting a nonmedical waiver will meet individually with health department officials to review the waiver request
- Schools can only accept Macomb County Health Department forms that have the appropriate staff signature, stamp and date
- This change impacts only students entering kindergarten and students moving from sixth to seventh grade

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