



HEALTH DIVISION

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Regarding: Immunization Rule Change

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Since 1978, Michigan law has required children to be up-to-date with required immunizations **ON** or **BEFORE** the first day of school/childcare. A child who fails to meet this requirement will not be admitted to school/childcare. The following circumstances allow a required vaccine to be waived or delayed:

1. A valid medical contraindication exists, preventing the child from receiving the vaccine at this time. A medical waiver should be completed and signed by the child's physician and should state the contraindication, vaccine involved, and time period during which the child is prevented from receiving the vaccine.
2. The parents/caregivers have valid religious or philosophical beliefs which prevent receipt of a vaccination. Waivers should not be taken lightly. A child who is not fully vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases could be a risk to others and for contracting the disease.

On December 11, 2014, the administrative rule was passed by Michigan Department of Community Health requiring any parent/guardian wanting to waive vaccine/vaccines for nonmedical reasons to receive vaccine education from their local health department. **This rule applies to children entering childcare, kindergarten, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade or newly enrolled in the school district after January 1, 2015.**

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) will provide this education for Oakland County residents and/or those students attending Oakland County childcare facilities and/or schools at no cost, but **appointments are required**. The 30-minute education session will include information on the risks of not receiving vaccines and the benefits of vaccination to the individual and the community. This will allow parents to make an educated, informed choice for their child.

Parents/guardians deciding to immunize their child will be able to do so after the education session at the OCHD clinic or their own doctor. If the parent/guardian still wants to waive one or more vaccines, OCHD staff will provide a certified waiver. The parents will be required to provide the certified waiver to their child's school.

Beginning March 1, 2015, you may schedule your appointment for Wavier Education online at [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health). If you do not have internet access or have any questions about the education session, call the Nurse On Call at 1-800-848-5533. Appointments are limited and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to working with you to keep you, your family, and your community healthy!

Very sincerely,

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The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. State and Federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.

## Protect your kids from these diseases:

- Polio
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Pertussis
- Measles
- Mumps
- Hepatitis A
- Rubella
- Hepatitis B
- H. Influenzae (HIB)
- Chicken Pox
- Pneumococcal
- Influenza
- Rotavirus
- Meningitis
- Human Papilloma Virus

*Your child's immunization information will be sent to the Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry to enable medical providers to obtain accurate immunization information for your child.*



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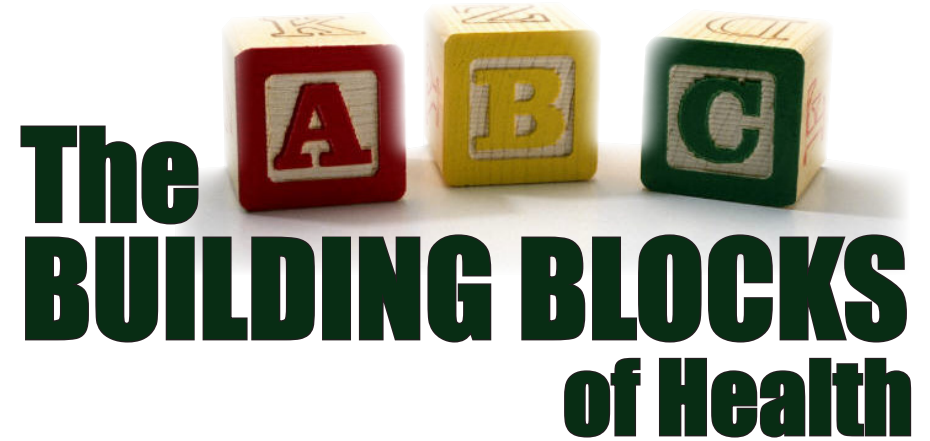
- Parent/guardian must sign consent for children under 18 years
- Identification is required
- Legal Guardians must present current guardianship papers
- Bring all previous shot records
- Childhood Immunizations are provided from birth through age 18
- Seasonal Flu (Influenza) Clinics beginning in the fall each year

## IMMUNIZATION HOURS

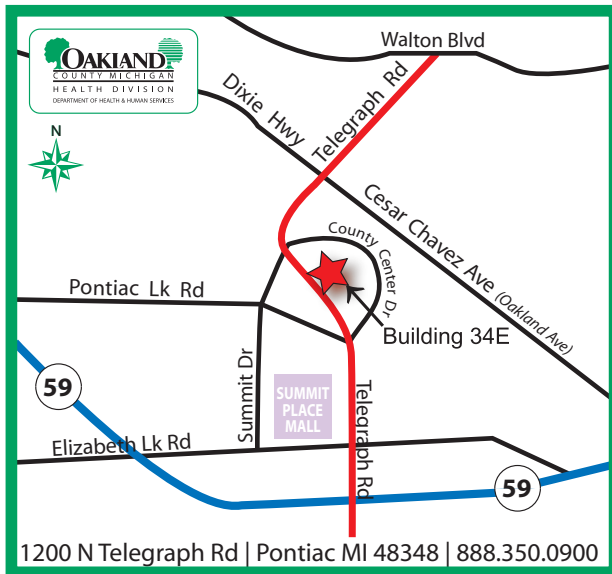
Monday – 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday - 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

If your health insurance covers the cost of vaccines, we ask that you see your private provider for service.

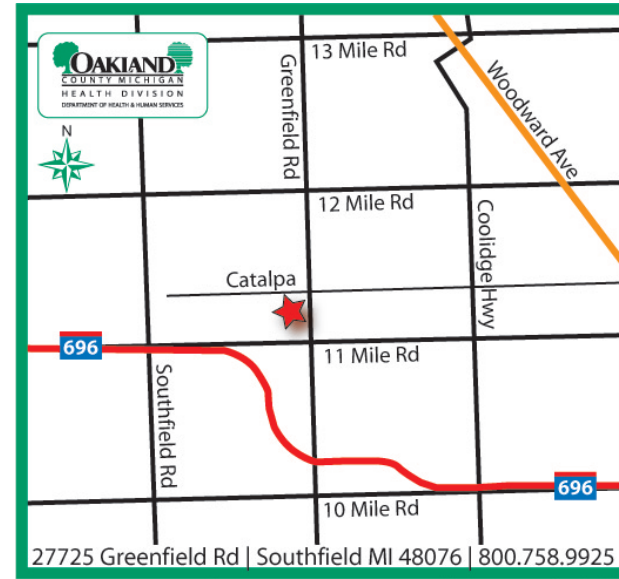


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## *Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan School Settings*

School communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in school settings. To best protect patients from all diseases we have the power to prevent, healthcare providers in Michigan should follow the 2013 Recommended Immunization Schedule at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) or [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize).

<b>Entry Requirements for All Public &amp; Non-Public Schools</b>		
Age → Vaccine**↓	4 years through 6 years	7 years through 18 years including all 6th grade students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	<b>4</b> doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age	<b>4</b> doses D and T <b>OR</b> 3 doses Td if #1 given on or after 7 years of age. <b>1</b> dose of Tdap*** for children 11 through 18 years <b>IF</b> 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine.
Polio	<b>4</b> doses, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required	<b>3</b> doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	<b>2</b> doses on or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	<b>3</b> doses	
Meningococcal****	None	<b>1</b> dose for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 6 <sup>th</sup> grade or higher
Varicella* (Chickenpox)	<b>2</b> doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

\* Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

\*\* All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

\*\*\*Tdap is required at 11 years of age or older regardless of grade.

\*\*\*\*Meningococcal is not assessed in MCIR/SIRS if the child is 11 years of age and in a grade lower than 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

# When Do Children and Teens Need Vaccinations?

Age	HepB Hepatitis B	DTaP/Tdap Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	IPV Polio	PCV Pneumococcal conjugate	RV Rotavirus	MMR Measles, mumps, rubella	Varicella Chickenpox	HepA Hepatitis A	HPV Human papillo- mavirus	MCV4 Meningococcal conjugate	Influenza Flu
Birth	✓											
2 months	✓ (1–2 mos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
4 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
6 months	✓ (6–18 mos)	✓	✓	✓ (6–18 mos)	✓	✓	✓ (12–15 mos)	✓ (12–15 mos)	✓✓ (2 doses given 6 mos apart at age 12–23 mos)			✓  (One dose each fall or winter to all people ages 6 mos and older)
12 months		✓	✓		✓							
15 months		✓	✓		✓							
18 months		Catch-up	Catch-up		Catch-up							
19–23 months	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up				
4–6 years		✓		✓		✓	✓					
7–10 years		Catch-up										
11–12 years		✓ Tdap			Catch-up			Catch-up	Catch-up	Catch-up	✓✓✓	✓
13–15 years		Catch-up (Tdap)								Catch-up		Catch-up
16–18 years										Catch-up		✓

**Please note:** Cases of pertussis (whooping cough) have increased in children, teens, and adults in the last few years. Tragically, some infants too young to be fully protected by vaccination have died. Ask your doctor or nurse if your children have received all the pertussis shots needed for his or her age. Also, if you haven't had your pertussis shot, you need to get one.

**What is “Catch-up?”** If your child’s vaccinations are overdue or missing, get your child vaccinated as soon as possible. If your child has not completed a series of vaccinations on time, he or she will need only the remainder of the vaccinations in the series. There’s no need to start over.