

# SCHOOLS VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY IN MICHIGAN

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect students in your care from other serious diseases is to promote the recommended vaccination schedule at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Encourage parents to follow CDC's recommended schedule; by doing so, school requirements will be met.



	All Kindergarteners and 4-6 year old transfer students	All 7th Graders and 7-18 year old transfer students
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)</b>	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 at or after 1 year of age 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
<b>Polio</b>	4 doses 3 doses if dose 3 was given at or after 4 years of age	
<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*</b>	2 doses at or after 12 months of age	
<b>Hepatitis B*</b>	3 doses	
<b>Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)</b>	None	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)*</b>	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or Current lab immunity or	

During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated students may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Read more about waivers at [www.Michigan.gov/Immunize](http://www.Michigan.gov/Immunize).

\*If the student has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.

All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for school entry purposes.



**Dear Parent/Guardian:**



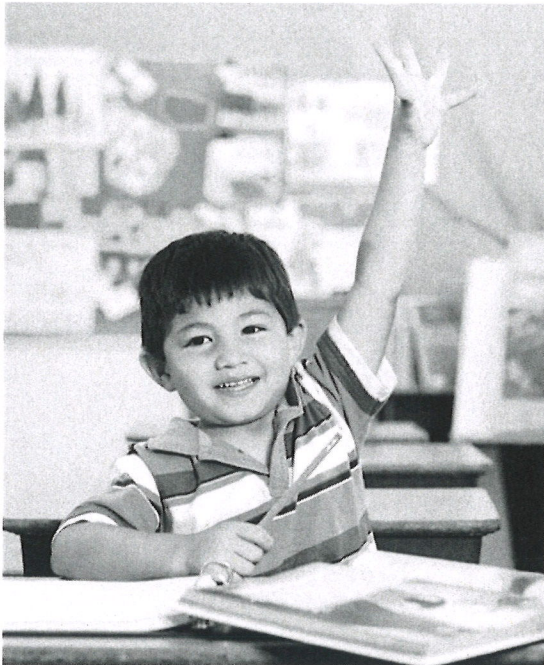
**Key Points Related to Claiming a Nonmedical Immunization Waiver for Children  
Attending Michigan Schools and Licensed Childcare Programs**

In early 2015, Michigan instituted an administrative rule change on nonmedical waivers for childhood immunizations. Parents/guardians seeking to obtain a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children who are enrolled in school or licensed childcare programs are required to attend an educational session, where they are provided with information about vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccinations.

**Key Points**

- The rule applies to parents/guardians seeking a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children enrolled in public or private:
  - Licensed childcare, preschool, and Head Start programs
  - Kindergarten, 7th grade, and any newly enrolled student into the school district
- This rule preserves your ability to obtain a nonmedical waiver.
- Nonmedical waivers (religious or philosophical/other objections) are available at your county health department and cannot be found at schools/childcare programs or physician offices.
- Parents/Guardians are required to follow these steps when seeking a nonmedical waiver:
  1. Contact your county health department for an appointment to speak with a health educator.
  2. During the visit, immunization-related questions and concerns of the parents/guardians can be brought up for discussion. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/potential risks (risks consisting mostly moderate side effects) of vaccination.
  3. Schools/childcare programs will only accept the current, un-altered, official State of Michigan form (Any new waivers issued should have the revision date of January 1, 2020.)
    - A county health department will not issue a waiver without both signatures as it would be considered an incomplete and invalid waiver.
    - Forms cannot be altered in any way (this includes crossing information out).
  4. Take the current, certified waiver form to your child's school or childcare program.
- If your child has a medical reason (that is, a true medical contraindication or precaution) for not receiving a vaccine, a physician (MD/DO) must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form.
- Based on the public health code, a child without an up-to-date immunization record, a certified nonmedical waiver form, **or** a physician (MD/DO)-signed medical waiver shall be excluded from school/childcare.

For more information, please visit [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize) > click on *Local Health Departments* > click on *Immunization Waiver Information*. This website will provide you with a link to all the county health departments, along with their addresses and phone numbers.



# Michigan's Public Health Hearing & Vision Screening Programs

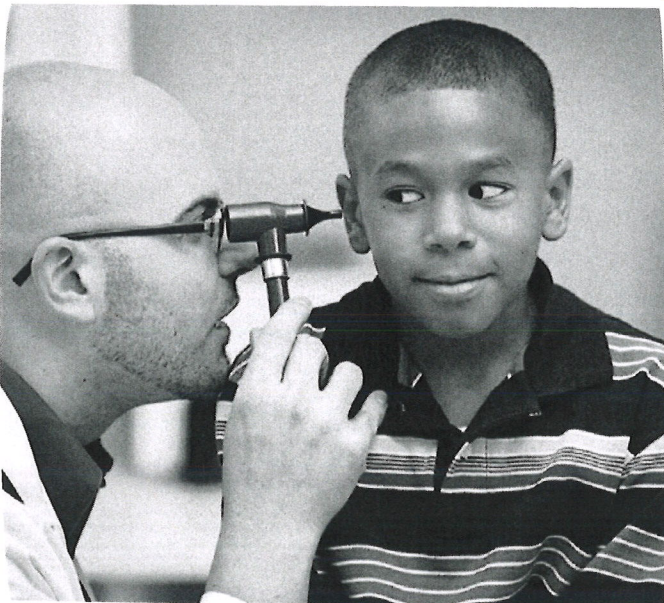
## Information for Healthcare Providers

### What is the Michigan Hearing & Vision Screening Program?

Michigan's Hearing and Vision screenings are offered FREE of charge by local health departments in collaboration with local schools; the programs are administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The Hearing & Vision programs have been implemented for more than 60 years to the benefit of generations of Michigan children.

Over 1.1 million children are screened annually for hearing and vision problems. Over 87,000 children are referred to eye care professionals and physicians for follow-up care.



### The Importance of Early Identification

No child is too young to be screened.

Upon diagnosis, immediate treatment increases the likelihood of remediating temporary difficulties and preventing them from becoming permanent problems.

When children are not identified and do not receive early intervention services, special education for a child with hearing loss costs schools an additional \$420,000 and has a lifetime cost of approximately \$1 million per individual.

The annual cost of untreated amblyopia is approximately \$7.4 billion in lost productivity. (InfantSEE® Program 2002)

## It's The Law!

The Hearing & Vision programs offer FREE screenings to all Michigan children.

Michigan Law Requires: that local health departments offer hearing and vision screening at least once between the ages 3-5, in kindergarten, 2nd, & 4th grades (hearing) and 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, & 9th grades (vision) at no cost to families; it also requires screening PRIOR to kindergarten entry.

## It's Priceless!

Sam's failed hearing test led to the early discovery of an operable brain tumor.

*The value of the Hearing and Vision Program you administer is priceless. Our family is an example of how a program such as yours can save the life of a beautiful child.*

Lee Ann, mother of Samantha from Livonia, MI



## Michigan's Hearing & Vision Technicians

Local health department employed technicians complete and pass a comprehensive four-week educational training with practicum.

Technicians provide objective hearing and vision screenings using State approved protocols and equipment.

To maintain quality, all technicians are evaluated on a regular basis to ensure compliance with program policies and protocols.

Every two years, technicians must attend a continuing education workshop hosted by the State of Michigan.

## Hearing and Vision Screenings

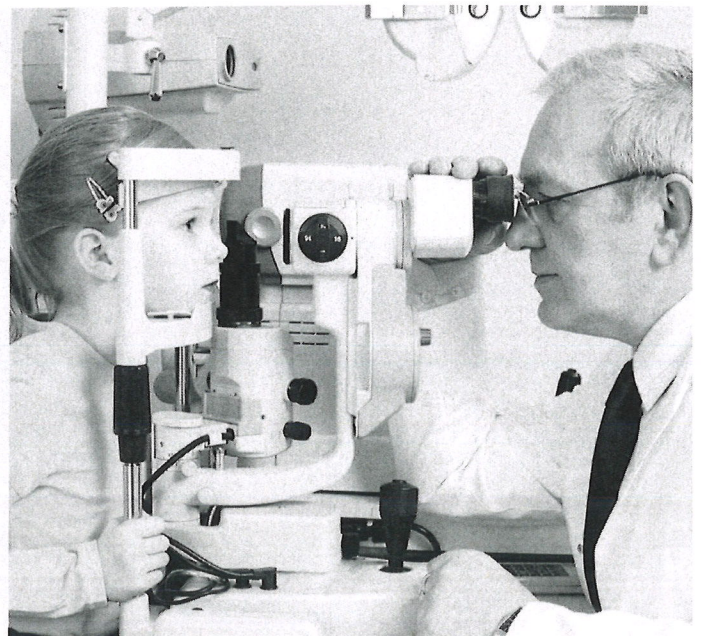
The Hearing Program:

- Identifies hearing loss (conductive, sensorineural, and mixed) as well as middle ear pathology.

The Vision Program:

- Includes testing for visual acuity, eye muscle function, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and symptoms of other eyesight problems.

**Both programs are standardized so that every child receives consistent screening, referral, and follow-up services.**





## How Can You Help?

In order to maintain funding and prove the efficacy of these programs, it is essential that we receive documentation that confirms medical intervention, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations.

Parents are provided with paperwork to be completed by your office. Paperwork should be faxed to your local health department's Hearing or Vision program.

When a child is identified with a hearing or vision problem, your assistance is invaluable in referring them to the appropriate intervention specialists (Early On, Special Education and other professionals) as necessary.

*communication is the key to success*

## Facts to Share with Parents



Early identification of hearing and vision problems increases each child's opportunity for academic and social success.

According to Michigan law, a child's hearing and vision must be screened PRIOR to school entry.

These services may be provided at your child's pre-school program or are available at your local health department.

Children ages five and up are screened according to the following schedule:



Hearing and Vision Screening Requirements*		
<b>Pre-school</b>	X	X
<b>Kindergarten</b>	X	
<b>1st Grade</b>		X
<b>2nd Grade</b>	X	
<b>3rd Grade</b>		X
<b>4th Grade</b>	X	
<b>5th Grade</b>		X
<b>7th Grade</b>		X
<b>9th</b>		X

\*Some local public health departments may schedule screenings at different intervals. Call your local public health department for more information.



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screening programs

[www.mihearingvision.com](http://www.mihearingvision.com)

★ FREE ★

# Hearing and Vision Screening

For Children 3 to 18 Years

Wayne County Department of Public Health

Hearing and Vision Services

33030 Van Born Rd

Wayne, MI 48184

Every THIRD Friday of the Month

Call to Schedule an Appointment

(734)727-7136

