



## EARLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Paw Paw's Early Elementary School we are excited you have decided to join our pack! At the time of registration or prior to the first day of school, the State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriate vaccinated to enroll in school programs unless a valid exemption applies. All children registered for the first time in Paw Paw elementary schools are required to have documentation of the following vaccinations;

- DPT-4 or more doses (Dose 5 required if fourth dose given prior to the fourth birthday)
- Polio-3 or more doses (Dose 4 required if third dose given prior to the fourth birthday)
- MMR-2 doses (at or after 12 months of age)
- Hepatitis B-3 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox) -- 2 doses (at or after 12 months of age)

In addition to the above immunizations, we are required to follow the Michigan Public Health Codes, Act 368 of 1978 and HB 4223 Public Act 261. These state that; a child entering **kindergarten or first grade** for the first time in the State of Michigan, a parent, or guardian must present documentation showing your child has had a vision, hearing and dental screening within the six months prior to the first day of school, or a statement of exemption under Section 9311.

- Certificate of hearing exam
- Certificate of vision exam
- Certificate of Dental Screening or an exemption statement

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (269) 415-5400.


Sincerely,

Cathlene Lancaster, RN  
District Nurse  
Paw Paw Public Schools



# 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
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)	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
Polio	4 doses 3 doses if dose 3 was given at or after 4 years of age	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	None	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or Current lab immunity or History of varicella disease	

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.

