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New School Immunization Requirements for 2010-2011

New school immunization rules go into effect this September and additional vaccines will be required for school admission. The immunization status of Michigan students is assessed at kindergarten and 6th grade entry, as well as for all students who are changing school districts.

All children assessed this year will be required to show proof of:

- Two doses of Varicella vaccine or a reliable history of having chickenpox disease.

In addition to the Varicella/Chickenpox requirement all children ages 11 through 18 years who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in the 6th grade for fall will need:

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4 or MPSV4)
- One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) if 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine (DTaP, Td, DT).

To facilitate access to the newly required immunizations, the Livingston County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) will also be offering vaccines procured through the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009) Special Initiatives funding. The vaccine obtained with the ARRA funding

is made available to assist families who may have health insurance with very large deductibles or co-pays that could present a barrier to vaccinating their children for the newly required vaccines. There is an administration fee for each immunization and the cost of the vaccine may be added depending on insurance coverage. No child will be denied state required immunizations due to inability to pay.

Since the new vaccine requirements will most impact 6th grade students, the health department has chosen to target them for this one time program. LCDPH will be having two special immunization clinics at the Health Department prior to the start of school. **The clinics are planned for August 5th and August 26th. The clinics will be held from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM, by appointment.**

For more information or to make an appointment, call 517-546-9850.

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