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## WISCONSIN STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Kindergarten Students:

The Wisconsin Immunization Law (HFS144) requires students to have minimum protection against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. This helps protect everyone in the school setting from many serious diseases.

Most clinics follow CDC (national) guidelines for immunizing children. These guidelines include more vaccines than the School Immunization Law requires. You can find complete recommendations at: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4050.pdf>. As a parent you will want to get advice about all the recommended immunizations from your health care provider or local health department.

Required vaccines for students include:

- Hepatitis B vaccine — 3 doses
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine — 2 doses. Both doses must be after the child turns one year old
- Varicella/chickenpox vaccine—No vaccine is required if the student has ever had chickenpox disease. If no history of chickenpox disease, 2 vaccine doses are required for children in grades K through 12.
- DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine — 4 doses (3 doses are acceptable if one dose is after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday). A vaccine booster (Tdap) is required for adolescents in grades 6 through 12
- Polio vaccine — 4 doses (3 doses are acceptable if one dose is after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Please complete, sign and return the Student Immunization Record to the school your child will attend in the fall. If your child already had the chickenpox disease, please check the appropriate box and write the year if it is known.

If your child has health insurance or Medical Assistance, contact your clinic to be immunized.

Public Health can immunize children with NO insurance, and also children WITH Medical Assistance. Call 266-4821 to make an appointment. Clinic schedules are online at: [www.publichealthmdc.com](http://www.publichealthmdc.com). There are also links to other reliable sources of immunization information at this site.

Contact the school nurse if you are having difficulty getting immunizations for your child or have related concerns.

Wisconsin Immunization Registry is a secure online registry of individual's immunization information. At this website you can find your child's immunization record, learn what immunizations are needed and when they are due. Go to <http://dhfsWIR.org> and click on the "Public Immunization Record Access" section. Enter the child's information to access your child's immunization record. If you have problems accessing the information, call 266-9691.

Sincerely,

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