Central Michigan District Health Department
Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

Student Absences

Central Michigan District Health Department is working with your child’s school and childcare center to make central Michigan a healthier place to live. Michigan law requires that schools and childcares report specific diseases, according to Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, to their local health department. Schools and childcares are also asked to report a total number of flu illnesses as well. To assist your child’s school or childcare center in reporting possible diseases to the health department and to help stop the spread of illness, please let the school know:

1) The name of the child who is ill
2) The illness, if known
3) The name of the person who diagnosed the illness OR
4) A detailed description of symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, fever, rash, or sore throat

Please notify the school if any suspected illness is later confirmed by a physician.

Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact one of our offices:

Arenac County Branch Office: (989) 846-6541, option 2
Clare County Branch Office: (989) 539-6731, option 2
Gladwin County Branch Office: (989) 426-9431, option 2
Isabella County Branch Office: (989) 773-5921, option 2
Osceola County Branch Office: (231) 832-5532, option 2
Roscommon County Branch Office: (989) 366-9166, option 2

1Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services)