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RE: Back to School Immunization Requirements

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It's back-to-school time. New immunizations, along with new clothes, new backpacks, and new school supplies, may need to be included on your back-to-school checklist. New immunization requirements for school-aged children were implemented in 2010. Two doses of Varicella vaccine or a history of the chickenpox disease are now required for all children entering kindergarten, all sixth graders, and all children changing school districts. The following vaccines are also required for all children ages 11 to 18 years who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in the sixth grade:

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

These, along with the previously recommended routine childhood vaccines will help protect children from serious diseases. To view the immunization requirements for school, visit www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines and click "schools" and then "Communicable Disease School Rules." Please contact your local health department or medical provider in order to make sure your child is ready to go back to school!

The Central Michigan District Health Department in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Community Health provides age appropriate vaccinations and health education. Vaccines are available for all ages including flu vaccinations. A small fee may apply for

immunizations. We offer vaccinations to those with and without medical/insurance coverage. No immunizations are kept from children based on the ability or inability to pay. For more information or to set up an immunization appointment, please call

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- Gladwin County: 989-426-9431 ext. 8310
- Osceola County: 231-832-5532 ext. 8510
- Roscommon County: 989-366-9166 ext. 8674

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