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**RE:** Back to School Immunization Requirements

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Summer is half over and it's time to start thinking about getting ready for the 2012-2013 school year. Immunizations are just one of the many things to think about, especially if your child is entering kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade or changing school districts.

School-aged children need to be protected against Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal and Chickenpox (Varicella). The number of doses needed varies by age. To view the immunization requirements for school-aged children, visit <a href="http://mcir.org/forms/SS-School Requirements.pdf">http://mcir.org/forms/SS-School Requirements.pdf</a>.

Please contact your local health department or doctor in order to make sure your child is ready to go back to school! The Central Michigan District Health Department provides immunizations by appointment (we offer immunizations to those with and without medical/insurance coverage). A small fee may apply for immunizations received; however, no child is turned away for immunizations based on the ability or inability to pay. For more information or to set up an immunization appointment, please call:

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