

Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan

Whenever children are in group settings, there is a chance for disease to spread. Parents must follow state vaccine laws in order for their children to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in group settings. The best way to protect children from serious diseases is to follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#). When following the recommended schedule children are fully protected and any school vaccination requirements are met.



	All kindergartners and 4–6-year-old transfer students	All 7th graders and 7–18-year-old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap) ¹	4 doses DTP or DTaP 1 dose must be at or after 4 years of age.	4 doses diphtheria and tetanus or 3 doses if 1st dose given on or after 1 year of age. 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses if dose 3 was given on or after 4 years of age.	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age.	
Hepatitis B ^{1,2}	3 doses.	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) ¹	None.	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Varicella (Chickenpox) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or current lab immunity or history of varicella disease.	

¹Vaccines should be given at certain ages and at certain times (follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#) for the recommended number of doses, correct spacing, and ages); this chart is based on Michigan school immunization requirements. We strongly encourage parents and providers to follow the AAP recommended schedule because school requirements are the minimum for protection. Follow this chart when assessing immunization status for school immunization requirements.

²If the child has not received these vaccines, documented immunity or an exemption is required. During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical exemption from a local health department. Read more about exemptions at [Michigan.gov/Immunize](https://www.michigan.gov/immunize).