



HEALTH DIVISION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Oakland County Health & Human Services (OCHHS), in collaboration with your student's school, is providing you with information regarding immunization reporting requirements for the 2025/2026 school year. Vaccines are an essential way to keep our children healthy and prevent the spread of vaccine preventable diseases. Per the Michigan Public Health Code, schools must report the immunization status of all kindergarten students, 7th graders, and students new to the school district prior to admission. If a student is not up to date with all required immunizations, a parent/guardian must provide an immunization waiver. There are two types of waivers:

- 1) Medical waiver from the child's treating physician (MD or DO) who is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan – This waiver must state the health condition that is a contraindication or precaution to receiving immunizations and how long the exemption is valid. Your student may be excluded from school if there is an exposure to a vaccine preventable disease.
- 2) Non-medical waiver for religious or philosophical reasons – This waiver can only be obtained at a local health department. Your student may be excluded from school if there is an exposure to a vaccine preventable disease.

Waivers for school age students (Kindergarten, 7th Grade, New to District) are only good for one calendar year. If you obtained a waiver after January 1, 2025, you do not need an additional waiver to begin the 2025/2026 school year unless your student becomes eligible (due to age) for an additional vaccine. If the waiver was obtained prior to January 1, 2025, you will need to obtain a new waiver.

Please visit <https://www.oakgov.com/community/health/public-health-services/immunizations> for additional information on OCHD immunization clinic appointments or call the OCHHS Nurse-On-Call at 1-800-848-5533 to schedule your clinic immunization or waiver education appointment.

Very sincerely,

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