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Dear Parents/Legal Guardians of 6th Grade Students:

Schools in Michigan are required to assess and report the immunization status of all 7th grade students. The 7th grade requirements are as follows with the adolescent age-appropriate doses bolded and underlined:

- ◆ Four doses of diphtheria (D) and tetanus (T) given as DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap vaccine. Three doses if the series was started on or after 7 years of age.
- ◆ **One dose of Tdap vaccine for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into the 7th grade or higher.**
- ◆ Three doses of polio.
- ◆ Two doses of MMR on or after 12 months of age.
- ◆ Three doses of Hepatitis B.
- ◆ Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) on or after 12 months of age OR current laboratory proof of immunity OR reliable history of disease. Parents can complete a Statement of Varicella Disease Form at the school for children who have a history of chickenpox.
- ◆ **One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine for all children 11 years of age or older upon entry into the 7th grade or higher.**

Start making arrangements now to get your child the required vaccines so that you can give your school an up-to-date immunization record before they start 7th grade in the fall. Nonmedical (parent) waivers are no longer available in the school office.

Vaccine doses must be given at appropriate ages with correct spacing between doses to be considered valid. For example, if the MMR, varicella, and/or nasal flu (live virus vaccines) are not given on the same day, the doses must be separated by 28 days.

Laboratory proof of immunity for a vaccine-preventable disease is acceptable in lieu of the vaccine. Laboratory reports (blood titer results with reference ranges included) must be presented to the child's school for submission to, and review by, the Macomb County Health Department. The school will be notified to include all immune positive results in the child's school/MCIR record.