



Public Health
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Cedar County, Iowa

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter contains important information regarding vaccinations for your Kindergarten student.

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Bureau of Immunization, requires students enrolling in kindergarten to have 5 doses of DTaP with at least one dose being on or after 4 years of age, 4 doses of Polio with at least one dose being on or after 4 years of age, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 2 doses of MMR, and 2 doses of Varicella. Note, you may find your student has more or less of some of these vaccines based on the schedule they were given, please speak with your child's healthcare provider to ensure they are adequately protected.

While you are in your health care provider's office receiving these required vaccinations, there are two additional vaccines recommended at this age that help to protect your child's health now and in the future:

- COVID-19 Vaccine
- Influenza Vaccine

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of vaccines provided in your physician office, our office also accepts BlueCross and United Healthcare insurance. If this is not the case for you, please be aware that your student may qualify for free vaccinations in our office if your student meets one of the following criteria:

1. Are enrolled in Medicaid
2. Do not have insurance
3. Have insurance that does not cover vaccinations
4. Are American Indian or Alaska Native

In Iowa children entering kindergarten are required to have had at least one blood lead level test. Most children have had at least one test prior to entering kindergarten. If your child has not had a blood lead level test done, we urge you to call your child's healthcare provider to schedule. We also offer blood lead level testing for children, with no out-of-pocket cost for most families.

If you would like to make an appointment at our office in the lower level of the courthouse, please call 563.886.2226.

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