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## School Age Kids Need Vaccines Too!

The start of the new school year will be here before you know it! It's also a good time to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their vaccines.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) immunization schedule (available at <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents</u>) is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health—and that of classmates and the community. Wisconsin schools require children to be current on vaccinations to protect the health of all students.

For the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Kids entering K4 should have at least 4 doses of **DTap** (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), 1 dose of **chickenpox**, 1 dose of **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella), 3 doses of **Hepatitis B**, and 3 doses of **Polio** vaccine.
- Kids entering K5 through Grade 5 are **required** to have at least 4 doses of **DTap**, 2 doses of **chickenpox**, 2 doses of **MMR**, 3 doses of **Hepatitis B**, and 3 doses of **Polio** vaccine.
- Kids entering Grade 6 through Grade 12 are **required** to have the vaccines listed above as well as one dose of **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk of disease and can spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community—including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people whose immune systems are weakened.

The CDC recommends additional vaccines including: Meningitis, Hepatitis A, HPV, and Seasonal Influenza. Check the link above for more information on CDC recommended vaccines.

If you're unsure if your child is fully vaccinated, check with your child's doctor. If your child is due for vaccination, call to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider today. Help keep your kids and the community healthy!

Have a safe and healthy summer break,

The Hales Corners Health Department