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School Age Kids Need Vaccines Too!

The school year is coming to a close. It's a busy time of the year with families planning for summer. 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 CDC's immunization schedule (available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents) 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 2017-2018 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), and 3 doses of **Polio** vaccine.
- Kids entering K5 are required to have boosters of four vaccines: **DTaP**, **chickenpox**, **MMR**, and **Polio**.
- Kids entering Grade 6 are required to have a dose of **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
- Kids 11 years old and up: Recommended vaccines include **HPV** (human papillomavirus) and **MCV** (meningitis) vaccines.
 - CDC is now recommending only **two** HPV shots for younger kids (Ages 11-14). The doses should be spaced 6 months apart.

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.

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,

The Hales Corners Health Department