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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As many Michigan schools are working hard with concluding the current school year, they are also preparing for the return of students for the 2021-2022 school year. The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), Division of Immunization wishes to remind you that Michigan schools are required to report immunization information regardless of their mode of instruction (in-person, virtual, and combinations of both). Any student who fails to meet the school immunization requirements shall not be admitted, or able to participate in school classes and activities.

Although you are probably juggling a lot of responsibilities right now, making sure your children are up to date on their shots is one of the best things you can do to protect them against several serious but preventable diseases. Michigan has seen a sharp drop in vaccinations since the start of the pandemic, which is a frightening trend. When children are not vaccinated, they are at risk of getting diseases like measles, chicken pox, and hepatitis A. Falling vaccination rates can lead to new outbreaks of dangerous diseases. The enclosed document lists all vaccines required in Michigan for school entry.

If your child is not fully vaccinated, please reach out to your child's primary care provider to schedule an immunization appointment. Healthcare providers have taken steps to assure their offices are safe for visits and are available to answer any questions that you have. If your family does not have a primary care provider, or if you are not able to get an appointment for vaccines, many [local county health departments](http://www.Michigan.gov/LHDMAP) ([www.Michigan.gov/LHDMAP](http://www.Michigan.gov/LHDMAP)) and some pharmacies are offering vaccine appointments.

Thank you for assuring your children are current on all immunizations. This protects not only them from vaccine preventable diseases, but also their classmates, teachers, and the community.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Terri Adams'.

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