

Dear Parents,

Making sure that children of all ages receive all vaccinations on time is one of the most important things that can be done to ensure children's long-term health as well as the health of friends, classmates, and others in the community.

Immunization is the best way to protect your child from 16 potentially harmful, sometimes fatal, diseases. Children in Wisconsin are required to be vaccinated against diseases like measles and whooping cough before they can enter school. We encourage parents to make sure that their child is up-to-date on all immunizations.

To check the status of your child, you can visit the Immunization Registry at <https://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov> to look up their immunizations. You may also contact your child's health care provider or the local health department.

You can visit the Department of Human Services for more information regarding Wisconsin state requirements and information regarding the required vaccinations at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/childhood.htm>

As of October 1, 2012, children whose insurance covers immunizations will not be able to receive vaccines through local health departments. Children will need to visit their primary health care provider for immunizations. We encourage parents to plan ahead to ensure children are fully vaccinated.

Children eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program include:

- 1) Children with no insurance
- 2) Children on Medical Assistance (includes BadgerCare)
- 3) Children who are Native American or Native Alaskan

These children can receive immunizations at their local health department or from a private health care provider.

If you have questions, please call the Winnebago County Public Health Department at (920) 232-3000.

Sincerely,

NJSD Nursing Staff