

Children Entering Kindergarten – Health Matters

Immunizations (Required)

5 doses DTP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis)
4 doses Polio
2 doses MMR (measles, mumps & rubella)
3 doses Hepatitis B
2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)

You can obtain these immunizations at your physician's clinic or tribal clinic. The Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Dept also holds immunization clinic days for children on Badgercare, who do not have insurance, or whose insurance does not cover vaccines. Call (715)526-4808 for an appointment.

Well-Child Exam (Recommended but not required)

It is recommended that your child have regular well-child exams, and especially at this time. There is no school form that must be completed for this.

Eye Exam (Recommended but not required)

Children's vision problems can be treated better if found early, and vision plays an important part in learning. Therefore, Wisconsin schools request that each student entering Kindergarten have a professional eye exam. An optometrist, nurse practitioner, or physician can do this eye exam (could be done as part of the well-child exam.)

When you go for your child's eye exam please take along the attached **Kindergarten Eye Health Exam Report** and ask the staff to complete it. Return it to school. If you need financial assistance to obtain an exam, the Wisconsin Optometric Association program "Vision USA" can help qualifying families (1-877-435-2020.)

Hearing Screening (Recommended but not required)

Hearing screening is routinely done at school during the fall of preK year, and at some other programs such as HeadStart. If your child has not had hearing testing done at one of these programs, please request one. This could be done at your clinic (as part of the well-child exam) or from the school nurse (see phone number below.)

Dental Exam (Recommended but not required)

Many dentists recommend that children have their first checkup by this time. There is no school form that must be completed for this.

Keep school staff informed about important health issues!

Please keep us up to date about specific health concerns that your child may have! Teachers need to know about conditions such as asthma, allergies, insect sting allergies, diabetes, or others affecting your child. You may call school, or the school nurse Kris Labby at the Shawano-Menominee Co Health Dept at 715-526-4808.