Mid Michigan District Health Department
Immunization Waiver Policy

The Mid Michigan District Health Department is responsible for assuring that the public is protected from vaccine-preventable diseases. Across the country, we are seeing outbreaks of diseases such as pertussis, measles, and chicken pox due in part to an increase in the number of children whose parents have waived their immunizations. Although, you may believe these are mild diseases, there are people and children in our community who, if exposed to these diseases could have serious or even fatal health outcomes.

It is our responsibility to ensure that ALL children are protected and that parents are making informed decisions...a decision that is in the best interest of their child’s health and the health of the children around them.

What if you don’t immunize your child?

Without Immunizations...

→ ...your child is at greater risk of catching vaccine-preventable diseases, all of which are serious illnesses
→ ...your child can infect others, including infants and the elderly, who are at risk of suffering a more severe reaction
→ ...your child may be excluded from school or child care for several days or weeks at a time to prevent catching, or spreading, a vaccine-preventable disease

What to do:

We STRONGLY encourage you to immunize your child, but ultimately the decision is yours. Parents/guardians who wish to waive their child(ren)'s immunizations will need to make an appointment with the Health Department. Schools will not be allowed to accept a waiver that has not been stamped and signed by our staff.

To make an appointment please call the County office nearest you:
Clinton County 989-224-2195
Gratiot County 989-875-3681
Montcalm County 989-831-5237