School Age Kids Need Vaccines Too!

As families begin to prepare for their children to come back to school, it’s a good time to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their vaccines.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) 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 2018-2019 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)

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.

The CDC recommends additional vaccines including: Meningitis, Hepatitis A, HPV, and Seasonal Influenza. Check the link above for more information on CDC recommended vaccines.

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 return to school,

The Hales Corners Health Department