

**HURON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents,

Children who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2012 are required to have certain immunizations. Your school nurse will review your child's record and discuss needed vaccines with you at the kindergarten screening/registration. The Huron County General Health District has many appointments available for you at our 5 locations. Please contact us at 419-668-1652 extension 252 or 888-694-2443 extension 252 to schedule an appointment.

No child is turned away for required vaccines if their family is unable to pay for the shots. For families covered by private insurance, we can give you a receipt for the vaccines given for you to turn into your insurance company.

**"Kindergarten shots" are often stressful for children of this age. The Registered Nurses at the Huron County General Health District recommend that you be very matter of fact about the need for the shots with your child. You may want to prepare them by using these 'talking points':**

"The shots are needed so you don't get sick."

"Sometimes the shots hurt a little bit, but it's over very quick and mom/dad will give you a big hug when you're all done."

"Mom/Dad will be right with you when you get your shots/pokes."

"It's ok to cry."

"The Nurses will have a sticker for you when you're all done."

Most adults are not up to date on their immunizations. We can schedule a parent's tetanus booster at the same time as the child's shots.

Most children require 3 to 4 shots at this visit and we usually administer these in the thighs and the back of the arms. Please feel free to call and ask to speak to the nurse on call if you have questions about the vaccinations or about how to prepare your child.

Contact us at 419-668-1652 or toll free at 1-888-694-2443 or find us at [www.huroncohealth.com](http://www.huroncohealth.com).

We look forward to seeing you and your child soon!

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Health Nursing

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Dear Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students:

To register your child for school, it is necessary for you to have a certified copy of their birth certificate. A 'mother's certificate' issued from the hospital is not a certified copy of a birth certificate. The birth certificate must have a raised seal and a certification statement from the health department.

If your child was born in Ohio, your child's birth certificate is available from the Huron County General Health District. The cost is \$25.

You may obtain a certified copy of the birth certificate:

1. In person at the Health District, 180 Milan Ave. Suite 8 Norwalk OH 44857 between the hours of 9 AM & 4:30 PM Mondays and 8 AM & 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday, excluding legal holidays
2. by mail. Each request must include the child's name, date of birth and the signature of the person requesting the certificate. You will find a copy of a request form at our website: [www.huroncohealth.com](http://www.huroncohealth.com) . Please include a check or money order for \$25.00 along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.
3. by phone. During regular business hours with a credit card (there is an additional \$3.00 charge to use this service). Please call 419-668-1652 or toll-free 1-888-694-2443 x 223.

If your child was born outside of Ohio, you must obtain it from the state where your child was born. If you need assistance locating your child's birth certificate, please call the Huron County General Health District Vital Statistics Registrar at 419-668-1652 extension 223 or 1-888-694-2443 extension 223.