



Contact Us

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While we hope your child doesn't need to see us for an illness or accident, those things do happen. If your child wakes up sick or you pick him/her up from daycare and can tell there is something wrong, bring them in right away to be seen by one of our physicians or nurse practitioners.

Monday-Saturday 8am-10am Monday-Thursday 4pm-6pm

Hello!

It's that time of year again... no, not Christmas... although some parents may feel like back to school is a great gift! Like it or not, here we are at the beginning of another school year. Now is a good time to review your child's immunization record, especially if he/she hasn't had a check up in a while. In addition, we'll discuss getting all of the forms for your child's school signed by a provider in our office.

Let's Talk About SHOTS!

With the beginning of a new school year comes the onslaught of forms to be completed for your child so that they may attend school and participate in sports or extra curricular activities. We'll talk about sports physicals in the next segment. For now, let's talk shots!

In order for your child to attend a school in Indiana the following vaccinations must have been administered to your child (<u>dick here to see</u> the vaccine schedule required by NAFCS):

K & 1st Grade 3 Hep B 5 DTaP

4 Polio 2 MMR

2 Varicella 2 Hep A

Prior to 6th Grade 1 Tdap (tetanus & 1 MCV4

pertussis) (Meningococcal)

Prior to 12th Grade 2 MCV4

Our providers review your child's record at each visit to ensure the proper vaccines are up to date; however, if you are concerned whether your child has had all of the vaccinations required for school, your child's complete immunization record is available for you to view, download, and print on our <u>patient portal</u>.

New Vaccine Information - Trumenba

Trumenba is a FDA-approved vaccine for Meningococcal group B disease (also known as Meningitis B) in those ages 16-23 yrs of age. Meningitis B is caused by bacteria that is spread through common adolescent behavior, like sharing cups or utensils, and communal living. Activities that involve dose contact, like participation on sports teams or in music groups, can also put adolescents and young adults at increased risk. Symptoms often seem like the flu, but meningitis B can become deadly within just 24 hours.

Common symptoms include fever, headache, stiff neck, drowsiness, and confusion. You or your child may not realize that they have a serious infection until it is too late. Even if your child has been vaccinated for

meningococcal disease (MCV4), he or she may not be vaccinated against meningitis B. We urge you to <u>research this vaccine</u> and discuss this with one of our providers.

Time to Submit School Forms

In preparation for the onslaught of forms you will need to submit for your child this coming school year, we'd like to suggest that you send/deliver those forms which require a physician signature to us NOW! If your child has had a physical with us in the past year, we can complete the required



forms and return them to you right away. This will speed up our process and eliminate the wait you may experience after the school year is in full swing.

Here is a list of forms you can send in immediately:

- Sports Physical
- Asthma Action Plan
- Medication
- Food Allergy
- Daycare/After care
- Head Start

Please send your forms to the following email address or fax #:

Attention: Form Team

Email: frontstaff@mw.twcbc.com

Fax: 812-949-0445

Thank you so much for trusting us with the health of your family. We look forward to communicating more regularly with you through email, so stay tuned for more information pertinent to the health of your children.

Sincerely,

Drs. Nassim, McMonigle, Mescia & Team