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## **BLDHD Highlights Back-to-School Immunizations** During National Immunization Month

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department (BLDHD), in collaboration with the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA), is proud to recognize National Immunization Month this August. As families prepare for the back-to-school season, we want to highlight the critical role that vaccinations play in protecting our communities, especially our children, from preventable diseases.

Vaccinations help protect children from serious diseases like Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal, and Varicella (chicken pox). Making sure your child is up to date on these vaccines can keep them from getting sick and missing school. Detailed immunization requirements for preschool and school-age children can be found at [our website](#).

“Ensuring that children are vaccinated on time is crucial for their health and the well-being of our community,” said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. “Every year, we see outbreaks of diseases like whooping cough, chickenpox, and measles, all of which can be prevented through timely immunizations. Keeping up with the vaccination schedule not only protects your child but also helps to stop the spread of disease in our schools and communities.”

National Immunization Month serves as a reminder for parents and guardians to check their children's immunization records and schedule any necessary vaccinations before the school year begins.

We provide vaccinations by appointment, regardless of insurance coverage, and no child is turned away due to an inability to pay. For more information about vaccination and clinic schedules, please visit [our website](#) or contact your local health provider.

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