



Stopping by for an early visit to the classroom are students, (from left) Donald Forkey and Ian Glick, who were students of Dorothy Billing at Lakeshire last year.

Immunizations are a must before entering school

New clothes, books and supplies head the list of what most children must have before going back to school this fall, but for children entering school for the first time, there is at least one other must.

Michigan state law requires that all children enrolling in a Michigan school for the first time be immunized against certain common childhood diseases before they can begin school.

The law exempts parents who object to immunizations because of religious convictions, but schools can exclude children whose parents approve of immunizations and ignore having their children protected.

Under Michigan law, these parents are subject to a penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine.

Children must be protected against diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, Rubella and polio and tested for tuberculosis, according to Dr. Charles Wolf, pediatrician at Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Center.

"Every child should have what we call his 'booby series' of three shots plus boosters by the time he enters school," Dr. Wolf said. "But a child can be admitted to school if he or she started an immunization series and is completing it."

The doctor also noted that if an immunization series with a child was started and not completed, it isn't necessary to start over.

State law also requires a vision test for first-time students, and Dr. Wolf added that most area school districts

ask for hearing and speech tests.

Most city, county and state health departments offer preschool physicals and immunization programs, as do pediatricians and most family physicians. Dr. Wolf advocates yearly physical and dental examinations not just for first-time students but for all children attending school.

Madonna offers nurses' program

Registered nurses and junior level nurses may now enroll in an Emergency Intervention program at Madonna College, Livonia.

New to Madonna's present emergency medical technology program this summer, the intervention curriculum was designed to provide the emergency department nurse with an understanding of the EMT role in delivering pre-hospital health care.

The basic course is offered during the fall term, beginning Sept. 3.

Two sections will be offered on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon in room 248. Students will spend 45 hours in the classroom and 30 hours in a hospital learning all these skills.

Registration for the course is being accepted now. Students must register in the administration building at the student service center, 3600 Schoolcraft, Livonia Monday and Thursday hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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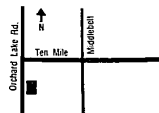


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