

A new educational requirement is in place for Michigan parents opting their children out of getting vaccinated before entering school. **(This only applies to newly enrolling pre-school, kindergarten, and 7th grade students.)** The new rule allows parents/guardians to have the opportunity to speak with a health educator from their local health department about their concerns and questions regarding immunizations prior to the nonmedical waiver being signed.

Any parent/guardian who wants to claim a nonmedical waiver will need to receive education regarding the benefits of vaccination and the risks of disease from a county health department before obtaining the certified nonmedical waiver form. The waiver form is obtained through the local health department.

For more information on the immunization waiver click on the link [MDHHS Immunization Waiver Information](#)

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

Paw Paw's local health department is the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department, with locations in Hartford, Mattawan and Dowagiac. The Hartford Office is located at 57418 CR 681, Hartford; phone 269-621-3143. The Mattawan Office is located at 23200 Red Arrow Hwy, Mattawan; phone 269-668-6715. Click on the link to access the health department's website. [Van Buren/Cass District Health Dept website](#)