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Health Department Offers School Preparation Guidance

With dental exams and lead screenings for certain school-aged children now mandatory, parents can turn to the Oak Park Department of Public Health for information on school entry requirements and assistance in meeting them.

Proof of a dental exam for all kindergartners, second and sixth graders is new this school year. In addition to being immunized against nine diseases during their school years, a physical examination is mandatory for students beginning kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades or entering a school for the first time.

Student medical examinations also now must include a lead screening for all children six months to six years of age who are entering a licensed day care, pre-school or kindergarten in Oak Park. The lead screening is required because Oak Park children are considered to be at high risk for pediatric lead poisoning given the age of the local housing stock.

For a list of required immunizations or help finding affordable immunizations, dental care and lead screenings, contact the Oak Park Department of Public Health at 358.5486 or health@oak-park.us.

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