



Monticello Community Schools
Shannon Elementary- Carpenter Elementary
321 W. South St. - 615 N. Gill St, Monticello, IA 52310
(319) 465-3000

January, 2026

Dear Parent / Guardian of Incoming Kindergartners,

The Iowa Immunization Law states that for your child to attend a public or private school in Iowa, he or she must be fully immunized against DPT, Polio, Chicken pox, MMR, and Hepatitis B. This means that to be fully immunized your child will need to have had:

Polio: 4 doses – with one dose given after the age of 4

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus): 5 doses with one dose given after the age of 4

MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella): 2 doses (the second dose is given after age 4)

Varicella (Chicken Pox): 2 doses (the second dose is given after age 4)

Hepatitis B: 3 doses

IT IS MANDATORY that a COMPLETED IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE for your child be RETURNED TO SCHOOL by MAY 1, 2026. Your child will not be able to attend school the first day if immunizations are not completed. If there is a problem with completing the above vaccines by the first day of school, please call Jodi Heinrich, School Nurse at (319-465-3000), press 2 then 4 for the nurse.

The state law has provided religious or medical provisional certificates in the case that your child, for some reason, cannot complete the required immunizations by August. If you need one of these certificates, please contact your physician, the Community Health Office, or Jodi Heinrich.

We are happy to receive your child's immunization certificate as soon as it is completed, but it **MUST BE ON FILE AT SCHOOL** by the **FIRST DAY of CLASSES in AUGUST of 2026**. Your child, according to the state immunization law, is to be excluded from school if there is not one of the certificates (completed immunization certificate; provisional; religious; or medical) on file the first day of school in August 2026.

In the New Student Forms in the downloads, you will find a **Medical Exam Form** with a copy of the **Immunization Card** printed on the back of the **Medical Form**, also attached is a **Dental Form** for your child's dentist to fill out at their next appointment. The Medical Exam Form, Immunization Card, Vision Card and Dental Form are being given to you now to allow more time for you to get your child to the doctor, and dentist. The doctor and dentist will know how to fill out each form. The Dental and Physical can be returned at Registration in August, or the first day of school. When you have completed the forms, you can either mail them to Sandy Hinrichs, Secretary, at Shannon Elementary School, drop them off during school hours or fax them to 319-465-3370.

***Please let us know on the back of this sheet any additional information regarding your child that the teacher or other personnel should be aware of (allergies, medications, significant developmental history, etc.)**

Kindergarten Information to return to Shannon Office

*Immunizations

*Dental screening

*Physical with LEAD screening by May 1, 2026

Sincerely,
Jodi Heinrich RN, BSN
District School Nurse