

**Letter from the Health Department:  
Vaccination check for 6th grade children**

Dear Parents,

As you probably know, full and age-appropriate vaccination is important when it comes to effective protection against serious diseases such as tetanus, diphtheria or measles. As vaccination recommendations change frequently, it is often difficult for teenagers and their parents to identify gaps in their vaccination cover. It is also easy to forget to check the vaccination card amidst the challenges of everyday life. On behalf of the Bavarian Ministry of Health, the Bavarian health departments therefore offer 6th grade students an anonymised check of their vaccination card. Each child subsequently receives written feedback with individual recommendations regarding vaccinations that are overdue or are due soon.

The vaccination check offers you an easy opportunity to find out whether your child's vaccination coverage is up to date.

How the vaccination check works:

Please give your child the vaccination card  
**in a sealed envelope to take to school on \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Please refer to the original health department letter in German for the date.*

**Label it with the name of your child.**

**In addition, enclose an empty envelope that also has your child's name on it.**  
(This is for the return.)

Health department employees will then review the vaccination cards. Your child will subsequently receive the vaccination card and information sheet back in the prepared and sealed envelope.

Important to know: The health of your child is important to us. With this campaign, we want to help you keep your child's vaccination coverage up to date. As of 1 January 2013, parents are required to submit existing vaccination books to school vaccination consultations of the Public Health Service in accordance with art. 12 (3) sentence 5 of the Health Services Act (GDG).

**No personal data** about your child will be saved at the health department during this campaign (see also data protection information).

For further advice and to carry out pending vaccinations, contact your pediatrician or family doctor's office. These also offer the J1 screening examination for adolescents aged 12 to 14. This is recommended and paid for by the health insurance providers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and wish you and your family a healthy school year.

Best regards

Data protection information: No personal information is saved by the health department in the scope of the 6th grade vaccination review. To enable the return of the vaccination book, the name is noted on the cover and on the information sheet for the personal vaccination check results contained therein. However, this is not saved. The data from the vaccination certificate regarding vaccinations carried out are documented in fully anonymised form only, for statistical purposes. The health department and the Bavarian State Office for Health and Food Safety (LGL) process this anonymously collected data for the annual calculation of the regional vaccination rates in the 6th grade. This information is presented in the LGL Health Report and available free of charge at [www.lgl.bayern.de/impfreport](http://www.lgl.bayern.de/impfreport).