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Re: Hearing and Vision Screening Update

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health is committed to promoting and protecting the health of our children and families. Due to COVID-19, we have reduced capacity for conducting hearing and vision screenings this summer. For this reason, we will be prioritizing screening children who are starting kindergarten this fall in compliance with the [Michigan Public Health Code](#).

If you have a child who is entering kindergarten this fall, please call us at 616-396-5266 to schedule an appointment. Hearing and vision screenings are being held at the Holland and Hudsonville offices throughout the summer. The comprehensive hearing and vision screening is free and helps ensure your child can hear and see, which are keys to their academic success.

For all other children, such as those entering preschool or young 5s, we will continue to offer monthly clinics after the start of the school year. We are also planning to resume our normal screening of school-aged children this fall in the schools. As guidance is received from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Education we will alter our procedures accordingly, and promptly communicate any changes to you.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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