

Greetings and Welcome Back to School!

I am writing on behalf of myself and Christy Benson, Calhoun County Public Health Department Hearing and Vision Technicians. As we ramp up required hearing and vision screenings for the 20-21 school year, please share with your student parents and families that in-office hearing and vision screenings are available by appointment only from 8am – Noon and 1pm to 4pm on:

- Tuesday, August 18th
- Wednesday, August 19th
- Thursday, August 20th
- Tuesday, August 25th
- Wednesday, August 26th
- Thursday, August 27th
- Tuesday, September 1st
- Wednesday, September 2nd
- Thursday, September 3rd

Anyone may bring the child. All attendees will be:

- Required to wear a mask, unless under the age of two.
- Check-in and be screened by the Toeller Building security guard.
- Asked to wait in a designated area to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Screenings will be conducted in a designated screening room within the Toeller Building in Battle Creek. Only one family at a time will be escorted to the conference/screening by a technician. Because of COVID-19 and current restrictions, families are asked to call 269-969-6363 at time of arrival to inform staff that they are there for scheduled screening.

As the technicians begin screening in schools, it is important to remind all that social distancing, protective wear, and sanitizing will still need to be in place. Also, related to in-school screenings, the technicians will be asking school staff/secretaries to complete and send class lists including first name, last name, birthdate, address, city, state and zip in the Excel format (attached to this email). They must be returned via email at least one week prior to scheduled screening date.

We appreciate your cooperation, flexibility, understanding, and hard work during these challenging times. As information is sent to use from the State, we will be sure to pass information along. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email.

Thank you again!

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