

Act on Protection against Measles and Strengthening Vaccine Prevention (Measles Protection Act)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Act on Protection against Measles and Strengthening Vaccine Prevention (Measles Protection Act) from 10 February 2020 (BGBl. I p. 148) entered into force on 1 March 2020. This amends the Protection against Infection Act (IfSG) with the goal of eliminating measles. The aim is to achieve this through a Germany-wide compulsory vaccination of children as well as of persons working at community institutions such as schools. All children and young people who are due to be looked after at a school in Hamburg for the first time on or after 2 March 2020 must provide proof that they have been inoculated against measles, are immune to measles or cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, before they are looked after at the school.

You can provide the required proof as follows:

- Immunisation (the person has been vaccinated)

Proof: vaccination booklet, vaccination records, or

- Immunity from measles (the person has had measles in the past)

Proof: doctor's certificate confirming immunity, or

- Contraindication (the person cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons)

Proof: doctor's certificate, or

- Confirmation from another state authority specifying that proof has already been submitted.

Please submit either the original documents or certified copies to the school office before your child is due to be looked after at the school at the latest. Uncertified photocopies, faxes and scanned documents will not be accepted.

Your child may and must attend school, even if you have not yet submitted proof of his or her immunisation.

Best regards,