Hearing & Vision Program; 290 S. Center St. Westminster, MD 21157
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Hearing & Vision Notification Letter

Parent/Guardian

The Carroll County Health Department Hearing and Vision Program will be coming to your student's school to screen students per Maryland State Law.

Screenings are provided to the following students:

- All students who are new to Maryland and do not have a record of vision and hearing screening within the last 12 months
- Students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, and 8th

If your student is not in one of these grades but you have concerns about their hearing or vision, contact your school nurse and ask to have your child screened when we visit their school. Please make sure your student wears their prescribed glasses or contacts and/or hearing aids during the hearing and vision screenings.

Our staff take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of your students, including hand hygiene and sanitizing equipment. Staff will wear masks if the MD weekly Respiratory Virus-Associated Hospitalization Rate is RED. Students will be required to wear a mask *during their hearing and vision screening* if the MD weekly Respiratory Virus-Associated Hospitalization is RED. Masking can be discontinued once the combined weekly respiratory virus-associated hospitalization rate has been below 10 hospitalizations per 100,000 residents for two consecutive weeks. This screening should take less than 15 minutes and your child may discard their mask at the end of the screening. You can opt your student out of screening if you object to your student wearing a mask during the hearing and vision screening.

Transmission levels will be checked weekly.

Your student will receive these screenings unless you object for religious reasons, your student has been seen by an eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist) in the past year, OR you have chosen to opt out.

Please send a letter or e-mail to your student's school if you choose to opt out of this screening.

Shortly after your child is screened, you will be notified of the results of the screening via a secure email and/or letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Hearing and Vision Screening Supervisor at 410-876-4433.

Thank you,

Carroll County Health Department
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