

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

Dear Parent or Guardian,

the Act on Protection against Measles and Strengthening Vaccine Prevention (The Measles Protection Act) from 10 February 2020 (BGBl. I p. 148) came into force on 1 March 2020. This supplements the Protection against Infection Act (IfSG) with the objective of eliminating measles altogether. The aim is to achieve this through a Germany-wide compulsory vaccination programme for children as well as for people working at community institutions such as schools. All children and young people who are to be under the care of a Hamburg school for the first time from 2 March 2020, must provide proof of measles vaccination protection, immunity or medical contraindication before commencement of the care.

The required proof can be provided as follows:

- in case of sufficient protection (the person has been vaccinated twice):
by submission of a **vaccination certificate or vaccination documentation**
- in case of immunity to measles (the person has had measles in the past):
by submission of a **medical certificate of immunity**
- in case of a contraindication (person cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons) by
submission of a **medical certificate of a contraindication**
- When the proof has already been submitted to a public authority, by submission of a
certificate from that public authority

Please submit the documentation to the school office, either **in its original form or as a certified copy** before commencement of the care, by _____ at the latest. Uncertified photocopies, faxes and scanned documents will not be accepted.

Your child is allowed and required to attend school, even if you have not yet submitted proof of his or her immunisation.

Best regards,