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Michigan Science Center’s “Ford Fun Free Day” to Provide Free Back-to-School Immunizations

DETROIT (August 11, 2016) — This Saturday, August 13, is the Michigan Science Center’s Back-to-School “[Ford Fun Free Day](#).” The event, sponsored by the [Ford Motor Company Fund](#), with partners including [Meridian Health Plan](#) (Meridian), will serve as a kick-off to the school year for students, families and teachers.

Meridian’s support for this event assists the Detroit Health Department and Detroit Public Schools in offering school year immunizations for children. Both organizations face the challenge of getting families to comply with immunization requirements before the start of the school year.

“Vaccinations are a very safe and effective way of keeping children healthy, especially during the school year,” said Michael Cotton, COO, Meridian Health Plan. “The immune system doesn’t fully develop until 12 years of age, which makes these back-to-school shots even more important for the well-being of our children.”

There are more than 250 available spots for immunizations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Immunizations will be given on a first come first serve basis unless you register ahead of time on the [Michigan Science Center website](#). You do not have to attend the event to receive the immunizations.

Other event happenings include live stage shows, the Smithsonian’s Spark!Lab and 250 hands-on exhibits from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 6,000 individuals have already registered for this event.

“Supporting this event, which gives back to our community and youth, allows us to assist in promoting education, health and exploration. Meridian believes in putting care and our community first, which is why we are incredibly grateful to work with the Michigan Science Center for this event,” said Cotton.

Before opening to the public, the Michigan Science Center will have a professional development workshop and continental breakfast for science and math teachers at 8:30 a.m. All teachers will receive care packages with items to help prepare for the start of the school year. If you are a science or math teacher interested in the professional development workshop, please sign up by emailing education@Mi-Sci.org or calling (313) 577-8400.

For more information about Michigan Science Center’s Ford Fun Free Day visit: <http://www.mi-sci.org/event/ford-fun-free-day/>.

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