

Dear Parents,



The Child and Youth Health Service (KJGD)

The KJGD teams examine children on the following occasions:

- Examination of all children between the 30th and 42nd month of life. This examination offered by the KJGD is independent of whether your child is being cared for in a nursery, in a day care centre, or at home. If your child is looked after at home, they will be invited to the health authority or a nearby day care centre for an examination.

- Examination upon starting school
- Examination upon leaving school

In addition, some KJGDs also offer further examinations or vaccination status checks, e.g. in year 6 or in special-needs schools.

Furthermore, the results and care of children with health problems or developmental disorders are also monitored. The aim is for these children to receive the necessary diagnostic and therapeutic measures and for the recommended support to be implemented at an early stage. The families are supported by the KJGD on a voluntary basis while the care is monitored.

Further help and advice

- Advice on vaccinations and carrying out vaccinations
- Preparation of reports and statements for schools and social welfare providers, e.g. integration assistance reports for the social welfare office (out-patient or partial inpatient early support) or funding reports within the framework of the funding committee procedure
- socio-educational advice and support for health and socio-medical issues

- Advice on developmental problems and mental health issues
- Statements on the need for special school transport

The KJGDs would be happy to advise you on health and developmental issues and problems.

Information on vaccination can be found, for example, at www.impfen-info.de

The Dental Service (ZÄD)

The ZÄD teams look after children and adolescents at nurseries, day care centres, and schools from their first baby tooth until they finish school. Its range of responsibilities also includes consultation hours for legal guardians and educators, training courses, and project and public relations work, as well as assessments.

Children and adolescents are examined for the purpose of early detection of dental, oral, and jaw diseases. The presence and spread of caries, the need for treatment, and the state of restoration, as well as tooth and jaw misalignments and diseases of the gums are recorded and the legal guardians are informed about these. In the case of salient dental findings, the care is monitored on a case-by-case basis. The aim is to work towards necessary treatments. The families are supported by the ZÄD on a voluntary basis.

The annual dental examinations are carried out up to year 6, along with further preventive measures for group dental prophylaxis. This preventive care includes age-appropriate, guided oral hygiene training, nutrition tips, and specific programmes for increased risk of caries, as well as encouragement to visit the dentist regularly. Fluoride applications can also be carried out with consent.

The "Dental Prophylaxis Passes for Preschool and School Children" document group prophylaxis and prophylaxis measures at dental practices. The passes follow the children from their first birthday through their kindergarten and primary school years. This gives parents an overview of prophylactic services for their child.

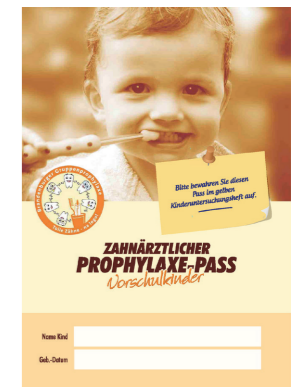
Information about group prophylactic care and the relevant contact persons can be found at www.brandenburger-kinderzaehne.de.

In order to protect and promote the development and health of children and adolescents, the Child and Youth Health Services and the Dental Services of the municipal health authorities are carrying out medical examinations and implementing preventative and health promotion measures in nurseries, day care centres, and schools.

Cooperating with legal guardians and educators, as well as the operators of the child care facilities and schools, is an essential and important part of this work. The good cooperation of these partners ensures that you can rely on guidance and support in caring for your child's health – whether it's related to questions about vaccination or developmental problems.

Overall, the health authorities handle diverse responsibilities and services. In this flyer, we would like to draw your attention to the responsibilities and services related to children's health.

Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Integration, and Consumer Protection of the State of Brandenburg



Invitation to participate in the early detection examinations

In 2008, a regulation was included in the Brandenburg Health Service Act to help ensure your child grows up healthy. Since then, all children in the state of Brandenburg from the age of 9 months to the beginning of their 13th year have been invited to undergo age-appropriate early detection examinations, also known "U-Untersuchungen" or under-thirteen examinations (U6 to U9, Y1). The early detection examinations are a building block of health care and are intended to help identify diseases that endanger the physical and mental development of children at an early stage and to recommend further medical treatment.

The invitation letters from the Central Office of the State Occupational Safety, Consumer Protection, and Health Authority (LAVG) provide information on the procedure and purpose of the upcoming examination and explain the legal basis.

For the U6, U7, and U8 early detection examinations, the resident doctors are obliged to immediately send the LAVG confirmation that the examination has taken place. No examination results of the children are passed on in this acknowledgement, only confirmation that the child has participated in the examination. If the LAVG does not receive any confirmation after the end of the respective examination period, a second letter, known as a reminder letter, is sent to the families. If the Central Office of the LAVG has not received any response thereafter and it is therefore still unclear whether the child has undergone the early detection examination, the child's data will be passed on to the relevant competent health authority in order to take further motivating measures to increase the participation rates in the early detection examinations.

Take advantage of the early detection examinations as an opportunity to promote your child's healthy development.

What happens to all the data?

The personal information collected during the examination is recorded in a standardised manner on the basis of the Brandenburg Health Service Act and in compliance with data protection regulations. In addition to determining the individual state of health and development, the examination data forms the basis for health reporting by municipalities and the state. The data is evaluated anonymously for this purpose. The health reporting highlights health-relevant facts, trends, and needs for action. The results are used for health policy decisions, as well as for health promotion and preventative measures. Selected data can be consulted at www.gesundheitsplattform.brandenburg.de.

Legal basis

- Brandenburg Health Service Act, §§ 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10
- Ordinance on the Responsibilities of the Child and Youth Health Service
- Social Code V, § 21 in conjunction with the Agreement to promote group prophylaxis in the State of Brandenburg
- Circular of the Ministry of Health on the responsibilities of the dental services of the health authorities of the districts and independent cities
- Brandenburg School Act, §§ 37, 45, and 145
- Primary School Ordinance of the State of Brandenburg, § 4
- Day Care Centres Act of the State of Brandenburg § 11a

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Your children's health is important to us!

Child and Youth Health Service and Dental Service