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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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Re: 2019 Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Michigan Preschool Programs  
or Licensed Childcare Centers

Dear Directors of Preschool Programs and Licensed Childcare Centers:

**Please share this important immunization information with all staff that will be working with immunizations at your facility.**

Immunizations are one of the most effective and scientifically proven measures to protect children from harmful diseases and death. The Michigan Public Health Code requires all children who attend preschool programs or licensed childcare centers in Michigan to have a valid, up-to-date immunization record, a physician (MD/DO) signed State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form, or a current, certified State of Michigan Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form per Administrative Rules and report their immunization status to their jurisdictional local health department (LHD). **A child who fails to meet these immunization requirements shall not be admitted into the program.**

Immunizations shall be reported to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for all children enrolled using the method established through the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) by October 1 of each year in accordance with MCL 333.9211(2), R400.8143 Children's Records and Licensing Rules for Childcare Centers.

There are three circumstances in which a required vaccine may be waived or delayed:

1. ***Provisional Status:*** A child has received at least one dose of the required vaccine(s) and the next dose(s) are not yet due. Childcare centers are required to follow-up with these students to ensure they receive subsequent doses of vaccine and are complete for all required vaccine(s);
2. ***Medical Contraindication:*** A Medical Contraindication Form **is required to be completed and signed by the child's medical physician.** The form shall state the medical contraindication(s), the vaccine(s) involved, and the time period during which the child is precluded from receiving the vaccine(s);
3. ***Nonmedical Waiver:*** When a parent or legal guardian holds a religious or philosophical (other) objection which precludes receipt of vaccine(s), a Nonmedical Waiver Form is required to be completed, signed and certified at the LHD.

In Michigan, parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to receive education on the benefits of vaccination and the risks of disease before obtaining a signed certified Nonmedical Waiver Form from their local health department. Health professionals shall address concerns

and/or questions, and then sign the current state of Michigan 2019 Nonmedical Waiver Form. Parents seeking a nonmedical exemption must contact the local health department to arrange for the educational session.

To meet admission requirements, it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to bring a valid, up-to-date immunization record, an original, signed current 2019 Nonmedical Waiver Form, or an original, signed 2019 Medical Contraindication Form to the preschool or childcare center prior to admission for entry into the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), under the School Immunization Reporting System (SIRS). **Any child who fails to meet these immunization requirements shall not be admitted into the program.**

Individual programs without internet access should contact their LHD for immunization reporting guidance when using the "IP-100/101 Reporting Form for School/Childcare Immunization. Copies of the Nonmedical Waiver and Medical Contraindication Forms must be submitted no later than October 1, 2019, to the jurisdictional LHD.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or your LHD may conduct an audit in the event of an outbreak and/or non-compliance. Proper maintenance of up-to-date immunization records, including waivers, is critical and required to be on file for all children.

A summary of requirements and supporting information is included in this packet and is also posted online at [www.mcir.org](http://www.mcir.org), under the School & Childcare section. Please review this important information to assist you with the completion of the immunization reporting requirement. Any request for additional informational materials should be directed to your jurisdictional LHD.

To obtain technical assistance or to enroll as a MCIR/SIRS user, please contact your LHD or the MCIR Help Desk at 1-888-243-6652.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring Michigan's children are properly immunized to avoid the ongoing threat of communicability and illness associated with vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Michigan Local Health Departments