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Re: 2021 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 the Administrative Rules. Preschool programs and licensed childcare centers are required to report their facility's immunization status to their jurisdictional local health department (LHD).

Any child who fails to submit the required immunization information shall not be admitted into the program.

For a child to attend a preschool program or licensed childcare center in Michigan, the Michigan Public Health Code requires parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to have one of the following on file with the childcare center:

1. A valid, current immunization record.
[Note: *Provisional Status Vaccines*. In the event the child has received at least one dose of a required vaccine and the next dose is not yet due, the school is required to follow up with the child to ensure she/he has received the required follow-up doses of the vaccine and is up-to-date for all other required vaccines.]
2. A medical doctor's (M.D./D.O.) signed State of Michigan 2021 Medical Contraindication Form, which states the medical contraindication(s), the vaccines involved, and the time-period during which the child is not able to get the vaccines.
3. A current, certified State of Michigan 2021 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form required under Michigan Administrative Rules.
[Note: When a parent or legal guardian holds a religious or other objection that prevents a child from receiving vaccines, a 2021 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form is required to be completed, signed, and certified at the local health department. The local health department will provide education from a health professional on the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/potential

risks (risks consisting mostly of moderate side effects) of vaccination. Health professionals will address questions and concerns prior to signing the current State of Michigan 2021 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form.]

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 2021 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form, **or** an original, signed 2021 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).

Preschool programs and licensed childcare centers must report immunization status to the jurisdictional LHD for all children enrolled, by October 1 of each year, using the method established through the MCIR in accordance with MCL 333.9211(2), R400.8142 Children's Records and Licensing Rules for Childcare Centers.

Individual programs without internet access should contact their LHD for immunization reporting guidance when using the "Childcare Aggregate Reporting Form." Copies of the Nonmedical Waiver and Medical Contraindication Forms must be submitted no later than October 1, 2021, 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 are included in this packet and are also posted online at www.mcir.org, under "School & Childcare", then click on Reporting to the Health Department. Please review this important information to assist you with the completion of the immunization reporting requirement. Any request for additional information and 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, ensuring Michigan's children are properly immunized for vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

c: Michigan Local Health Departments