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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,



Elizabeth Hertel
Director

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Enclosures

c: Michigan Local Health Departments

MCIR/SIRS REPORTING

Toll-free MCIR helpdesk number is: 1-888-243-6652

The following materials can be found on www.MCIR.org and should be reviewed:

Childcare packet:

- MCIR/SIRS Information Sheet
- Childcare Cover Letter
- Vaccines Required for Childcare and Preschools in Michigan
- Influenza Information for Childcare Centers
- Waiver Flyer for Parents
- Waiver FAQ for Parents
- Immunization Reporting Form

School packet:

- MCIR/SIRS Information Sheet
- School Cover Letter & Resources
- Important School Immunization Information and Resources
- Information for Parents – Teen Vaccines Papillomavirus, Meningococcal & Vaccines for Pre-Teens and Teens
- Influenza Information for Schools
- FAQ for FERPA
- Consent Form for Disclosures
- Vision Screening Information
- Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan
- Waiver Flyer for Parents
- Waiver FAQ for Parents
- Immunization Reporting Form

Timeline for MCIR/SIRS Reporting

January – December: Build your roster, assure that appropriate reporting period and grade is marked for each student. Use current grade, or roundup for kindergarten in the Spring and Summer of 2021 – all students will be advanced automatically on August 1st.

October: Childcare closes the report period by going into IP Status and clicking on the “close period” button on October 2nd. (The button will not be highlighted, and you will not be able to close the period if you are not at 90% compliancy.) Continue to update immunization records until you reach at least 90% compliancy.

November 1st: School closes the report period by going into IP Status and clicking on the close period button. (The button will not be highlighted, and you will not be able to close the period if you have not obtained at least 90% compliancy). Complete vision report for all kindergarten students. Continue to update immunization records until you reach at least 90% compliancy.

February 1st: School closes the report period by going into IP Status and clicking on the “close **February 1st**: School closes the report period by going into IP Status and clicking on the “close period” button. (The button will not be highlighted, and you will not be able to close the period if you are not at 95% compliancy). Continue to update immunization records until you reach at least 95% compliancy. Contact your local health department or the help desk if you have any questions about reporting.

INFLUENZA: Information for Daycares on Influenza and Vaccines



Updated February 2021

What is influenza or “the flu”?

The flu is a potentially-severe infection of the nose, throat, and lungs that is caused by flu viruses. There are many different flu viruses that can make people sick. The flu is very contagious and spreads easily by coughing and sneezing. Millions of people get the flu every year. Many people get very sick, and some even die.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

People who have the flu often get sick very quickly and can have symptoms that include high fever, headache, muscle aches, dry cough, and sore throat. Some people who have the flu have NO symptoms at all, but they can still spread the flu to others.

Is flu vaccine recommended for children in daycare and preschool?

YES. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommend that all children 6 months of age and older receive flu vaccine every year to help them stay healthy.

➔ **DID YOU KNOW? Flu vaccine is the BEST way to protect children and adults from getting the flu. It also protects against complications if you do get the flu.**

How can children and staff be protected from the flu?

Children and staff as well as others in contact with children—parents, teachers, siblings, and other support staff – should get a flu vaccine. Getting vaccinated is especially important for those who take care of infants less than 6 months of age because these babies are too young to get flu vaccine.

➔ **DID YOU KNOW? To protect babies younger than 6 months from flu, women should get flu vaccine while they are pregnant.**

What kinds of flu vaccine can children get?

Children 6 months and older can get the flu shot. But the nasal spray flu vaccine is another option for healthy children aged 2 years and older. Consult your child’s doctor to determine which flu vaccine is best for them.

➔ **DID YOU KNOW? Some children aged 6 months through 8 years need 2 doses of flu vaccine in one season to be fully protected.**

Are flu vaccines safe?

Yes, flu vaccines are safe and can protect children from severe complications from influenza. Flu vaccines can be given along with other vaccines. It is safer to get a flu vaccine than it is to get the flu. Most children and adults have little or no problem after getting the flu vaccine.

➔ **DID YOU KNOW? Flu vaccines change from year to year, so everyone needs to get a new flu vaccine every season.**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes recommendations for who should receive the flu vaccine each year. Visit www.cdc.gov/flu for more information. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will not exclude from participation in, deny benefits of, or discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, gender identification or expression, sexual orientation, partisan considerations, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's eligibility.

Spanish ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 517-335-8159 (TTY 711).

Arabic: كتمية متوافر لك بـالمجاذ ملاحوظة: 517-335-8159 رقم هاتف الصم والميواذا كتمية تتحدد الذكر اللغفة، فبإذ خدمات المساعدة اللغفة (711).

VACCINES REQUIRED FOR CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOL IN MICHIGAN

Whenever infants and children are in group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Both, infants, and children must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend childcare and preschool. These laws are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in group settings. The best way to protect a child from other serious diseases is to follow the recommended vaccination schedule at [cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). By following the recommended schedule infants and children will be fully protected and any vaccination requirements will be met.



	2-3 months	4-5 months	6-15 months	16-18 months	19 months – 4 years	5 years
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)	1 DTaP	2 DTaP	3 DTaP		4 DTaP	
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	1	2	3 or age-appropriate complete series	4 or age-appropriate complete series		None
<i>H. influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	1	2		1 at or after 15 months or age-appropriate complete series		None
Polio	1	2			3	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	None			1 at or after 12 months		
Hepatitis B*	1	2			3	
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	None			1 at or after 12 months or current lab immunity or history of varicella disease		

This is not a cumulative chart.

For example, a child 19 months to 5 years old is required to have 4 doses of DTaP to enter childcare or preschool to be fully protected.

***If the child has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.** These rules apply to children who are the above ages upon entry into childcare or preschool. During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children may be excluded from childcare and preschool. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Read more about waivers at [Michigan.gov/immunize](https://www.michigan.gov/immunize). All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for childcare and preschool entry purposes.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will not exclude from participation in, deny benefits of, or discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, gender identification or expression, sexual orientation, partisan considerations, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's eligibility.

VACUNAS REQUERIDAS PARA GUARDERÍA Y PREESCOLAR EN MICHIGAN

Siempre que los infantes y niños estén en configuraciones grupales, existirán posibilidades de propagación de enfermedades. Tanto infantes como niños deberán cumplir con las leyes de vacunación estatales para asistir a guardería y preescolar. Estas leyes son el estándar mínimo para la prevención del brote de enfermedades en configuraciones grupales. La mejor forma de proteger a un niño de otras enfermedades graves es seguir el programa de vacunación recomendado en [cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Al seguir el programa recomendado, tanto infantes como niños estarán totalmente protegidos y se cumplirá con cualquier requisito de vacunación.



	2 a 3 meses	4 a 5 meses	6 a 15 meses	16 a 18 meses	19 meses a 4 años	5 años
Difteria, Tétanos, Pertusis (DTaP)	1 DTaP	2 DTaP	3 DTaP		4 DTaP	
Neumocócica Conjugada (PCV13)	1	2	3 o serie completa de acuerdo a la edad	4 o serie completa de acuerdo a la edad		Ninguna
H. influenzae tipo b (Hib)	1	2		1 en o luego de los 15 meses o serie completa de acuerdo a la edad		Ninguna
Polio	1	2			3	
Paperas, Sarampión, Rubéola (MMR)*	Ninguna			1 en o luego de los 12 meses		
Hepatitis B*	1	2			3	
Varicela*	Ninguna			1 en o luego de los 12 meses o inmunidad de laboratorio actual o historial de la enfermedad de la varicela		

Éste no es un cuadro acumulativo.

Por ejemplo: se requiere que un niño de entre 19 meses y 5 años de edad tenga 4 dosis de la DtaP para ingresar a una guardería o preescolar estando totalmente protegido.

***Si el niño no recibió estas vacunas, se requerirá una documentación de inmunidad.** Estas reglas se aplican a niños de las edades mencionadas más arriba al ingresar a guardería o preescolar. Durante el brote de enfermedades, los niños cuya vacunación esté incompleta podrán ser excluidos de la guardería y preescolar. Los padres y tutores que elijan rechazar las vacunas deberán obtener una exención no médica certificada de un departamento de salud local. Lea más sobre exenciones en [Michigan.gov/immunize](https://www.michigan.gov/immunize). Todas las dosis de las vacunas deberán ser válidas (espaciado y edades correctas) con propósitos de ingreso a guardería y preescolar.

El Michigan Department of Health and Human Services no excluirá de la participación, no negará beneficios, ni discriminará a ningún individuo o grupo debido a su raza, sexo, religión, edad, nacionalidad, color, altura, peso, estado civil, identificación o expresión de género, orientación sexual, consideraciones partidarias, o incapacidad o información genética no relacionada con la elegibilidad de la persona.

Nonmedical Waiver Rule for Childhood Immunizations in School and Licensed Childcare Programs: Information for Parents/Guardians

In early 2015, Michigan instituted an administrative rule change on nonmedical waivers for childhood immunizations. Parents/guardians seeking to obtain a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children who are enrolled in school or licensed childcare programs are required to attend an educational session, where they are provided with information about vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccinations.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is this rule important?

High nonmedical waiver rates can leave communities susceptible to diseases such as measles, chickenpox, and pertussis (whooping cough) by undermining community or “herd” immunity. Herd immunity protects vulnerable children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons and children with compromised immune systems. Herd immunity can also slow the spread of disease if a high proportion of individuals in that community are immune to the disease. Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect children from serious diseases and even death.

Who does this rule apply to?

The rule applies to parents/guardians seeking a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children who are enrolling in public or private:

- Licensed childcare, preschool, and Head Start programs
- Kindergarten, 7th grade, and any newly enrolled student into the school district

How does this rule affect parents/guardians?

Parents/guardians seeking to claim a nonmedical waiver are required to participate in an immunization-focused discussion with county health department staff. During the discussion, parents/guardians can bring up any immunization-related questions and concerns they may have. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/potential risks (risks consisting mostly of moderate side effects) of vaccination. This rule preserves the ability of parents/guardians to obtain a nonmedical waiver following the completion of this required educational session.

What is a nonmedical immunization waiver?

A nonmedical waiver is a written statement by parents/guardians describing their religious or philosophical (other) objections to specific vaccine/vaccines. An official State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form will be provided by the county health department.

Will the County Health Department make a copy of the waiver?

The county health department may make a copy of the waiver for their records and provide the parent/guardian with the original. Making a copy of the form is not a violation of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), because the waiver education is conducted at the county health department before the parent/guardian provides the certified State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form to the school. This form is an official State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services document that records the waiver visit for the county health department.

What is considered a certified nonmedical waiver?

A certified nonmedical waiver is the State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form. Any new waivers issued should have the revision date of January 10, 2021. A certified nonmedical waiver will:

- Display the county health department's information/stamp.
- Include the child's: name, date of birth, address, name of school/childcare program, telephone number (optional), vaccines being waived with the reason, signed date, as well as signatures of the parent/guardian, and of the county health department authorizing agent completing the immunization education.

A county health department will not issue a waiver without both signatures, as it would be considered an incomplete and invalid waiver.

Waiver forms that are altered in any fashion (including information on the form that may be crossed out) or forms that are not an official MDHHS certified waiver form cannot be accepted by schools/childcare programs.

Can a parent/guardian obtain a certified nonmedical waiver form from a school, childcare program, or healthcare provider?

No, a certified nonmedical State of Michigan waiver can only be obtained at a county health department.

How does a parent/guardian obtain a certified nonmedical waiver?

Parents/guardians are required to contact their county health department to receive immunization waiver education and a current certified State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form.

What if my child has a medical contraindication to a vaccine?

If your child has a medical reason (that is, a true medical contraindication or precaution) for not receiving a vaccine, a physician (MD/DO) must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form.

What documentation are parents/guardians required to submit to their school or childcare program?

1. Parents/guardians are required to submit one of the following documents:

- A complete immunization record **or**
- A physician (MD/DO)-signed State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form **or**
- A current, certified State of Michigan Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form

2. If one of the above forms is not submitted, students can be excluded from school or childcare based on the public health code, unless students are in a provisional category. (Children in the provisional category are defined as those who have received 1 or more doses of vaccine but need to wait the recommended time to receive the next dose.)

Where can I find more information?

For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/immunize > click on *Local Health Departments* > click on *Immunization Waiver Information*.

- The above website provides a complete list of county health departments in Michigan, including phone numbers and addresses.
- The link below is to the MDHHS Communicable Disease Administrative Rules where much of the information referenced in this document can be found.
 - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/1472_2014-073CH_AdminCode_1_676105_7.pdf

Norma de Exención No Médica para Inmunizaciones Infantiles en la Escuela y Programas Certificados de Cuidado Infantil: Información para Padres/Tutores

A principios del 2015, Michigan instituyó un cambio a una norma administrativa sobre exenciones no médicas para inmunizaciones infantiles. Se les requiere a los padres/tutores que están tratando de obtener una exención no médica de inmunizaciones para su(s) hijo(s) que esté(n) inscrito(s) en la escuela o en programas certificados de cuidado infantil, asistir a una sesión educativa, donde se les proporciona información sobre vacunaciones y enfermedades prevenibles con vacunas.

Preguntas Frecuentes:

¿Por qué es importante esta norma?

Las altas tasas de exenciones no médicas pueden dejar a las comunidades susceptibles a enfermedades tales como el sarampión, la varicela y la tos ferina, al socavar la inmunidad comunitaria o inmunidad colectiva. Dicha inmunidad colectiva protege a niños vulnerables que no pueden ser vacunados por razones médicas y a niños con sistemas inmunológicos comprometidos. La inmunidad colectiva puede también disminuir la propagación de enfermedades si una alta proporción de individuos en esa comunidad están inmunes a la enfermedad. La inmunización es una de las formas más efectivas de proteger a los niños de graves enfermedades e incluso de la muerte.

¿A quién aplica esta norma?

La norma aplica a padres/tutores que busquen una exención no médica a las inmunizaciones para su(s) hijo(s) que esté(n) inscrito(s) en las siguientes entidades públicas o privadas:

- Programas certificados de cuidado infantil, preescolar, y Head Start
- Jardín de Infancia, 7mo grado, y todo estudiante recién inscrito en el distrito escolar

¿Cómo afecta esta norma a los padres/tutores?

Se les requiere a los padres/tutores que busquen una exención no médica participar en una discusión enfocada en las inmunizaciones con el personal del departamento de salud del condado. Durante la discusión, los padres/tutores pueden hacer cualquier pregunta relacionada con las inmunizaciones y mencionar cualquier preocupación que puedan tener. El personal presentará información basada en evidencias con respecto a los riesgos de las enfermedades prevenibles con vacunas y a los beneficios/riesgos potenciales (riesgos que mayormente consisten en efectos secundarios leves) de las vacunas. Esta norma preserva la habilidad de los padres/tutores de obtener una exención no médica después de que hayan culminado esta sesión educativa requerida.

¿Qué es una exención no médica a las inmunizaciones?

Una exención no médica es una declaración escrita por parte de los padres/tutores que describe sus objeciones religiosas o filosóficas (u otras) a una vacuna o vacunas en particular. El departamento de

salud del condado proporcionará un Formulario oficial de Exención No Médica del Estado de Michigan.

¿Hará el Departamento de Salud del Condado una copia de la exención?

El departamento de salud del condado puede elaborar una copia de la exención para sus registros y proveerles a los padres/tutores el original. El elaborar una copia del formulario no es una violación de la Ley de Derechos y Privacidad Educativa Familiar (FERPA), ya que la educación sobre la exención es llevada a cabo en el departamento de salud del condado antes de que el padre/tutor le proporcione a la escuela el Formulario certificado de Exención de Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan. Este formulario es un documento oficial del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Estado de Michigan que registra la visita sobre exención para el departamento de salud del condado.

¿Qué se considera una exención no médica certificada?

Una exención no médica certificada es el Formulario de Exención de Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan. Toda nueva exención emitida debe llevar la fecha de revisión del 10 de enero de 2021. Una exención no médica certificada deberá:

- Mostrar la información/sello del departamento de salud del condado.
- Incluir el nombre, fecha de nacimiento, dirección, nombre de la escuela/programa de cuidado infantil, número de teléfono (opcional) del niño, además de las vacunas que se hayan evitado, con la razón, fecha de la firma, así como las firmas del padre/tutor y del agente autorizante del departamento de salud del condado que llevó a cabo la educación sobre las inmunizaciones.

Un departamento de salud del condado no emitirá una exención sin ambas firmas, ya que sería considerada una exención incompleta e inválida.

Los formularios de exención que sean alterados de alguna manera (incluyendo información en el formulario que haya sido tachada) o formularios que no sean un formulario oficial de exención certificada del MDHHS no podrán ser aceptados por las escuelas/programas de cuidado infantil.

¿Puede un padre/tutor obtener un formulario certificado de exención no médica de una escuela, programa de cuidado infantil, o proveedor médico?

No, una exención certificada no médica del Estado de Michigan sólo se puede obtener en un departamento de salud del condado.

¿Cómo obtiene un padre/tutor una exención no médica certificada?

Se les requiere a los padres/tutores contactar a su departamento de salud del condado para recibir una educación sobre exención a las inmunizaciones y un Formulario actual certificado de Exención a Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan.

¿Qué sucede si mi hijo(a) tiene una contraindicación médica a una vacuna?

Si su hijo(a) tiene una razón médica (es decir, una verdadera contraindicación o precaución médica) para no recibir una vacuna, un médico (MD/DO) deberá firmar el Formulario de Contraindicación Médica del Estado de Michigan.

¿Qué documentación se les requiere a los padres/tutores presentarle a su escuela o programa de cuidado infantil?

1. Se les requiere a los padres/tutores presentar uno de los siguientes documentos:
 - Un registro completo de inmunizaciones o
 - Un Formulario de Contraindicación Médica del Estado de Michigan firmado por un médico (MD/DO) o
 - Un Formulario actual certificado de Exención No Médica a las Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan
2. Si no se presenta uno de los formularios arriba mencionados, los estudiantes pueden ser excluidos de la escuela o del cuidado infantil en base al código de salud pública, a menos que los estudiantes estén en una categoría provisional. (Se define a los niños en categoría provisional como aquellos que hayan recibido 1 o más dosis de vacunas, pero necesitan esperar el tiempo recomendado para recibir la siguiente dosis.)

¿Dónde puedo obtener más información?

Para más información, por favor visite www.michigan.gov/immunize > haga clic en *Local Health Departments* > haga clic en *Immunization Waiver Information*.

- El sitio web arriba mencionado provee una lista completa de departamentos de salud del condado en Michigan, incluyendo números de teléfono y direcciones.
- El enlace a continuación es para las Normas Administrativas sobre Enfermedades Transmisibles del MDHHS donde puede hallarse gran parte de la información referenciada en este documento.
 - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/1472_2014-073CH_AdminCode_1_676105_7.pdf

Nonmedical Waiver Rule for Childhood Immunizations: Information for Schools and Childcare Programs

In early 2015, Michigan instituted an administrative rule change on nonmedical waivers for childhood immunizations. Parents/guardians seeking to obtain a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children who are enrolled in school or licensed childcare programs are required to attend an educational session, where they are provided with information about vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccinations.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is this rule important?

High nonmedical waiver rates can leave communities susceptible to diseases such as measles, chickenpox, and pertussis (whooping cough) by undermining community or “herd” immunity. Herd immunity protects vulnerable children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons and children with compromised immune systems. Herd immunity can also slow the spread of disease if a high proportion of individuals in that community are immune to the disease. Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect children from serious diseases and even death.

Who does this rule apply to?

The rule applies to parents/guardians seeking a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child/children who are enrolling in a public or private:

- Licensed childcare, preschool, and Head Start programs
- Kindergarten, 7th grade, and any newly enrolled student into the school district

What did the rule change?

Parents/guardians seeking to claim a nonmedical waiver are required to participate in an immunization-focused discussion with county health department staff. During the discussion, parents/guardians can bring up any immunization-related questions and/or concerns they may have. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/potential risks (risks consisting mostly of moderate side effects) of vaccination. This rule preserves the ability of parents/guardians to obtain a nonmedical waiver following the completion of this required educational session.

What is a nonmedical immunization waiver?

A nonmedical waiver is a written statement by parents/guardians describing their religious or philosophical (other) objections to specific vaccine/vaccines. An official State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form will be provided by the county health department.

How does this rule affect Michigan's schools and licensed childcare programs?

- The rule requires schools and childcare programs to refer parents/guardians seeking a nonmedical waiver for immunizations to the county health department for immunization waiver education and waiver certification.
- Schools and childcare programs can only accept a current, un-altered, certified State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form.

What is considered a certified nonmedical waiver?

A certified nonmedical waiver is the State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form. Any new waivers issued should have the revision date of January 10, 2021. A certified nonmedical waiver will:

- Display the county health department's information/stamp
- Include the child's: name, date of birth, address, name of school/childcare program, telephone number (optional), vaccines being waived with the reason, signed date, as well as signatures of the parent/guardian and of the county health department authorizing agent completing the immunization education

A county health department will not issue a waiver without both signatures, as it would be considered an incomplete and invalid waiver.

Waiver forms that are altered in any fashion (including information on the form that may be crossed out) or forms that are not an official Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) certified waiver form cannot be accepted by schools/childcare programs.

Can a parent/guardian obtain a certified nonmedical waiver form from a school, childcare program, or healthcare provider?

No, a certified State of Michigan nonmedical waiver can only be obtained at a county health department.

How does a parent/guardian obtain a certified nonmedical waiver?

Based on the rule, parents/guardians are no longer permitted to submit an uncertified Immunization Waiver Form to the school or childcare program attended by their child/children. Parents/guardians are required to:

1. Contact their county health department to receive immunization waiver education and to obtain a certified State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form.
2. Submit the certified State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form to the school or childcare program attended by their child/children.

Waiver forms that are altered in any fashion (including information on the form that may be crossed out) cannot be accepted by schools or childcare programs.

What if a child has a medical contraindication to a vaccine?

The rule change did not affect the healthcare provider completing the medical contraindication form. A current State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form (available at doctors' offices) must be completed and signed by a physician (MD/DO) and submitted to the school or childcare program.

What documentation are parents/guardians required to submit to the school or childcare program attended by their child/children?

Parents/guardians are required to submit:

- A complete immunization record **or**
- A physician (MD/DO)-signed State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form **or**
- A current, certified State of Michigan Nonmedical Immunization Waiver Form

Students without a completed immunization record and/or a certified waiver form are subject to exclusion from school or childcare unless the student is in a "provisional" category. Children in the provisional category are defined as those who have received 1 or more doses of vaccine but need to wait the recommended time to receive the next dose.

Norma de Exención No Médica para Inmunizaciones Infantiles: Información para Escuelas y Programas de Cuidado Infantil

A principios del 2015, Michigan instituyó un cambio a una norma administrativa sobre exenciones no médicas para inmunizaciones infantiles. Se les requiere a los padres/tutores que están tratando de obtener una exención no médica de inmunizaciones para su(s) hijo(s) que esté(n) inscrito(s) en la escuela o en programas certificados de cuidado infantil, asistir a una sesión educativa, donde se les proporciona información sobre vacunaciones y enfermedades prevenibles con vacunas.

Preguntas Frecuentes:

¿Por qué es importante esta norma?

Las altas tasas de exenciones no médicas pueden dejar a las comunidades susceptibles a enfermedades tales como el sarampión, la varicela y la tos ferina, al socavar la inmunidad comunitaria o inmunidad colectiva. Dicha inmunidad colectiva protege a niños vulnerables que no pueden ser vacunados por razones médicas y a niños con sistemas inmunológicos comprometidos. La inmunidad colectiva puede también disminuir la propagación de enfermedades si una alta proporción de individuos en esa comunidad están inmunes a la enfermedad. La inmunización es una de las formas más efectivas de proteger a los niños de graves enfermedades e incluso de la muerte.

¿A quién aplica esta norma?

La norma aplica a padres/tutores que busquen una exención no médica a las inmunizaciones para su(s) hijo(s) que esté(n) inscrito(s) en las siguientes entidades públicas o privadas:

- Programas certificados de cuidado infantil, preescolar, y Head Start
- Jardín de Infancia, 7mo grado, y todo estudiante recién inscrito en el distrito escolar

¿Qué cambió la norma?

Se les requiere a los padres/tutores que tratan de conseguir una exención no médica, participar en una discusión enfocada en las inmunizaciones con el personal del departamento de salud del condado. Durante la discusión, los padres/tutores pueden hacer cualquier pregunta relacionada con las inmunizaciones y mencionar cualquier preocupación que puedan tener. El personal presentará información basada en evidencias con respecto a los riesgos de las enfermedades prevenibles con vacunas y a los beneficios/riesgos potenciales (riesgos que mayormente consisten en efectos secundarios leves) de las vacunas. Esta norma preserva la habilidad de los padres/tutores de obtener una exención no médica después de que hayan culminado esta sesión educativa requerida.

¿Qué es una exención no médica a las inmunizaciones?

Una exención no médica es una declaración escrita por parte de los padres/tutores que describe sus objeciones religiosas o filosóficas (u otras) a una vacuna o vacunas en particular. El departamento de salud del condado proporcionará un Formulario oficial de Exención No Médica del Estado de Michigan.

¿Cómo afecta esta norma a las escuelas y a los programas certificados de cuidado infantil de Michigan?

- La norma requiere que las escuelas y programas de cuidado infantil remitan a los padres/tutores que busquen una exención no médica para inmunizaciones al departamento de salud del condado para obtener una educación sobre exención de inmunizaciones y certificación de exención.
- Las escuelas y programas de cuidado infantil sólo aceptar un Formulario actual, no alterado y certificado de Exención de inmunización del Estado de Michigan.

¿Qué se considera una exención no médica certificada?

Una exención no médica certificada es el Formulario de Exención de Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan. Toda nueva exención emitida debe llevar la fecha de revisión del 10 de enero de 2021. Una exención no médica certificada deberá:

- Mostrar la información/sello del departamento de salud del condado.
- Incluir el nombre, fecha de nacimiento, dirección, nombre de la escuela/programa de cuidado infantil, número de teléfono (opcional) del niño, además de las vacunas que se hayan evitado, con la razón, fecha de la firma, así como las firmas del padre/tutor y del agente autorizante del departamento de salud del condado que llevó a cabo la educación sobre las inmunizaciones.

Un departamento de salud del condado no emitirá una exención sin ambas firmas, ya que sería considerada una exención incompleta e inválida.

Los formularios de exención que sean alterados de alguna manera (incluyendo información en el formulario que haya sido tachada) o formularios que no sean un formulario oficial de exención certificada del MDHHS no podrán ser aceptados por las escuelas/programas de cuidado infantil.

¿Puede un padre/tutor obtener un formulario certificado de exención no médica de una escuela, programa de cuidado infantil, o proveedor médico?

No, una exención certificada no médica del Estado de Michigan sólo se puede obtener en un departamento de salud del condado.

¿Cómo obtiene un padre/tutor una exención no médica certificada?

En base a la norma, ya no se les permite más a los padres/tutores presentarle a la escuela o programa de cuidado infantil al cual asista su hijo(s), un Formulario no certificado de Exención a Inmunizaciones. Se les requiere a los padres/tutores:

1. contactar a su departamento de salud del condado para recibir una educación sobre exención a las inmunizaciones y un Formulario certificado de Exención a Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan.
2. Presentarle a la escuela o programa certificado de cuidado infantil al cual asista su hijo(s) el Formulario certificado de Exención a Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan.

Los formularios de exención que sean alterados de alguna manera (incluyendo información en el formulario que haya sido tachada) no podrán ser aceptados por las escuelas/programas de cuidado infantil.

¿Qué sucede si un niño tiene una contraindicación médica a una vacuna?

El cambio de norma no afectó que el proveedor médico completara el formulario de contraindicación médica. Se debe llenar un Formulario actual de Contraindicación Médica (disponibles en los consultorios médicos) y ser firmado por un médico (MD/DO) y presentado a la escuela o programa de cuidado infantil.

¿Qué documentación se les requiere a los padres/tutores presentarle a su escuela o programa de cuidado infantil?

Se les requiere a los padres/tutores presentar uno de los siguientes documentos:

- Un registro completo de inmunizaciones o
- Un Formulario de Contraindicación Médica del Estado de Michigan firmado por un médico (MD/DO) o
- Un Formulario actual certificado de Exención No Médica a las Inmunizaciones del Estado de Michigan

Si no se presenta uno de los formularios arriba mencionados, los estudiantes pueden ser excluidos de la escuela o del cuidado infantil en base al código de salud pública, a menos que los estudiantes estén en una categoría provisional. (Se define a los niños en categoría provisional como aquellos que hayan recibido 1 o más dosis de vacunas, pero necesitan esperar el tiempo recomendado para recibir la siguiente dosis.)

Vaccine Terminology

The vaccines listed in the table below are those that **can be counted** towards a child's school-required and/or childcare-required vaccinations.

CDC Abbreviation	Vaccine	Common Names, Synonyms, Brand Names
DT	Diphtheria & Tetanus	DT pediatric
DTP*	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Tri-Immunol*, DTWP*
DTP-Hib*	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis & <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Tetramune*, DTP/ActHIB*
DTaP	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis	Daptacel®, Infanrix®, Tripedia*, Acel-Imune*, Certiva*
DTaP-HepB-IPV	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis, Hepatitis B & Inactivated Polio Vaccine	Pediarix®
DTaP-Hib*	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis & <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	TriHIBit*, DTaP/ActHIB*
DTaP-IPV/Hib	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis, Inactivated Polio & <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Pentacel®
DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis, Inactivated Polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b & Hepatitis B	VAXELIS™
DTaP-IPV	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis & Inactivated Polio Vaccine	Kinrix®, Quadracel®
Td	Tetanus, diphtheria	TDVAX™, Tenivac®, Decavac*
Tdap	Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis	Adacel®, Boostrix®
IPV	Inactivated Polio Vaccine	IPOL®, eIPV*, Salk Inactivated*, Poliovax*
OPV*	Oral Polio Vaccine	Trivalent OPV* (tOPV*), Bivalent OPV* (bOPV*), Monovalent OPV* (mOPV*), Sabin*, Orimune*
HepA-HepB†	Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B	Twinrix®†
HepB	Hepatitis B	Engerix-B®, Recombivax HB®, Heplisav-B®, HBV, HB vaccine
Hib-HepB*	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b & Hepatitis B	Comvax*
Hib	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	ActHIB®, Hiberix®, PedvaxHIB®, HibTITER*, ProHIBit*, OmniHIB*
Hib-MenCY*††	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b & Meningococcal Conjugate C and Y	MenHibrix*††, HibMen CY-TT*††
PCV7*	Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, 7-valent*	Prevnar7*
PCV13	Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, 13-valent	Prevnar13®
Measles*	Measles (Rubeola)	Attenuvax*
Mumps*	Mumps	MumpsVax*
Rubella*	Rubella (German Measles)	Meruvax*, Meruvax II*
Measles-Rubella*	Measles & Rubella	M-R-VAX II*
Mumps-Rubella*	Mumps & Rubella	Biavax II*
MMR	Measles, Mumps & Rubella	M-M-R-II®
MMRV	Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella	ProQuad®
VAR	Varicella	VARIVAX®, Chickenpox vaccine
MenACWY or MCV4	Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (A, C, W, Y)	Menactra® (MenACWY-D), Menveo® (MenACWY-CRM), MenQuadfi™, Nimenrix*
MPSV4*	Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine	Menomune*

*Vaccines that are not available in the U.S. but may count toward a child's school-required vaccinations.

†Twinrix contains Hepatitis A and B. The Hepatitis B component of this vaccine can count towards a child's required Hepatitis B series for school entry.

††Hib-MenCY, or MenHibrix, contained Hib and Meningococcal Conjugate serotypes C and Y. The MenCY component of MenHibrix **does not count** as the Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine dose required for 7th grade students and transfer students aged 11 years and older.

Additional Vaccines That May Be on Immunization Records

These vaccines **do not** count towards school and childcare entry.

CDC Abbreviation	Vaccine	Common Names, Synonyms, Brand Names
HepA	Hepatitis A	Havrix®, Vaqta®, HAV
2vHPV	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, bivalent	Cervarix, HPV2
4vHPV	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, quadrivalent	Gardasil, HPV4
9vHPV	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, 9-valent	Gardasil 9®, HPV9
IIV	Inactivated Influenza Vaccine	Fluogen, FluShield
IIV3 (TIV)	Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine	Afluria®, Fluvirin®
RIV3	Recombinant Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	Flublok®
IIV4 (QIV)	Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine	Fluarix®, FluLaval®, Fluzone®, Afluria®
ccIIV4	Cell Culture Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine	Flucelvax®
RIV4	Recombinant Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine	Flublok® Quadrivalent
IIV4 ID	Intradermal Inactivated Influenza Vaccine	Fluzone® Intradermal
LAIV4	Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (nasal spray)	FluMist®
MenB	Meningococcal Serogroup B	Trumenba® (MenB-FHbp), Bexsero® (MenB-4C)
MenC	Meningococcal Serogroup C	Meningitec, Meningtec, Meninfect, Menjugate, Neis Vac-C
PPV, PPSV23	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine, 23-valent	PNU-Immune 23, Pneumovax® 23
RV5, RV1	Rotavirus Vaccine	RotaTeq® (RV5), Rotarix® (RV1)
TT	Tetanus Toxoid	Tetanus toxoid

The vaccines listed in the table above are those that **are not required** for school or childcare entry in Michigan, however, you may see these listed on a child's immunization record. Refer to the local health department to get all vaccine doses entered in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

For more information on which vaccines are required for school entry in Michigan, please visit www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/School_Req_for_Schools_553548_7.pdf.

For more information on which vaccines are required for childcare or preschool entry in Michigan, please visit www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/Child_Care_Reqs_ChildCares_553541_7.pdf.

A complete list of vaccines that are no longer available in the U.S. can be found in CDC's *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/appendix/index.html under Appendix B.



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Reporting Form for Childcare Reporting

Instructions: Please provide this form to childcares program to complete for manual reporting or for children whose records are not stored in MCIR. It will be necessary for the Local Health Department to assess this record, return it to the childcare center for follow-up if additional immunizations are needed, and then edit the MCIR/SIRS data after the report period is closed, using this additional information.

Date: _____ Childcare Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 1	DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 2	DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 3	DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 4	DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 5	DTP/DTaP/ Tdap/Td 6	*Series Waived
POLIO 1	POLIO 2	POLIO 3	POLIO 4	POLIO 5		*Series Waived
MMR 1	MMR 2	MMR 3	*Series Waived			
HIB 1	HIB 2	HIB 3	HIB 4	*Series Waived		
HEP-B 1	HEP-B 2	HEP-B 3	HEP-B 4	*Series Waived		
VAR 1	VAR 2	VAR 3	Had Disease	*Series Waived		
PCV 1	PCV 2	PCV 3	PCV 4	PCV 5		*Series Waived

*Please mark **R**=Religious, **M**=Medical, or **O**=Other in the *Series Waived* box.

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Date Assessed: _____

Child's Status (Complete, Provisional, Incomplete, Waiver): _____

If incomplete or provisional, record reason: _____