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Re: 2025 Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Michigan Licensed Child Care Centers

Dear Directors of Licensed Child Care Centers:

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

Immunizations are one of the most effective and scientifically proven measures to protect children from harmful diseases and death. Since 1978, Michigan law has required that each child have an up-to-date certificate of immunization at the time of registration, or no later than the first day of attendance.

Michigan licensed child care centers are required to report immunization information. Any child who fails to meet the below mentioned immunization requirements shall not be admitted or allowed to participate in the program.

For a child to attend a licensed child care center in Michigan, the Michigan Public Health Code requires a parent or legal guardian to have one of the following on file with the site:

1. A valid, up-to-date immunization record. Acceptable immunization documentation includes:
 - An immunization record from a provider Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
 - An official Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) immunization record
 - A state [Immunization Information System](#) record

An up-to-date immunization record can include children who are in complete or provisional status. A child who is complete has received all doses of the child care required vaccine series. A child who is provisional has received at least one dose of a required vaccine and the next dose(s) is not yet due.

Note: Child care programs are required to follow-up with the parent or legal guardian to ensure children with a provisional status have received the follow-up dose(s) of the required vaccine(s) per [MCL-Section 333.9211](#).

2. A medical doctor's (MD/DO) signed State of Michigan 2025 Medical Contraindication Form, which states the medical contraindication(s), the vaccines involved, and the time during which the child is not able to receive the vaccines.
3. A current, certified State of Michigan 2025 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver.

When a parent or legal guardian holds a religious or other objection that prevents a child from receiving vaccines, a 2025 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver is required to be completed, signed, and certified at the local health department (LHD). The LHD 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 2025 Nonmedical Immunization Waiver.

Licensed child care centers must have access to up-to-date immunization records, including waivers, for all children. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) or the LHD may conduct an audit of records in the event of an outbreak and/or non-compliance.

Licensed child care centers must report immunization status to the LHD for all children enrolled, by October 1 of each year, using the method established through the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) in accordance with MCL 333.9211(s), R400.8143 Children's Records and Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers.

Individual programs without internet access should contact their LHD for immunization reporting guidance when using the "Childcare Aggregate Reporting Form".

A summary of requirements and supporting information is posted online at www.mcir.org, under School & Childcare tab, Reporting to the Health Department option. Please review this important information which will assist with the completion of the immunization reporting requirements. Requests for additional information and materials should be directed to the LHD.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Hertel, Director
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Enclosures

c. Michigan Local Health Departments