



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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RE: 2017 Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Michigan Preschool Programs or Licensed Childcare Centers

Dear Directors of Preschool Programs and Licensed Childcare Centers:

Immunizations are one of the most effective measures in protecting 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 an up-to-date immunization history or a valid waiver on file per Administrative Rules and report their immunization status to their jurisdictional local health department. **A child who fails to meet these immunization requirements shall not be admitted into the program.**

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that their child has received all required vaccine doses before entry into your program.

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

1. The child has received at least one dose of required vaccine(s) and the next dose(s) are not yet due. These children are considered to be in a "provisional" status. Childcare centers are required to follow-up with these children to ensure subsequent doses of vaccine are received and are complete for all required vaccines;
2. The child has a medical contraindication to a vaccine, in this case 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. A parent or guardian holds a religious or philosophical ("other") belief which preclude receipt of vaccination(s). These are nonmedical exemptions and require certification at the local health department.

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 2017 *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 parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to bring the original signed current 2017 *Nonmedical Waiver Form* to your childcare/preschool for entry into MCIR/SIRS.

For those individual programs without internet access, please contact the local health department for approval and guidance to report, using the handwritten *IP-100/101 Immunization Reporting Form*.

Proper maintenance of up-to-date immunization records are critical in the event of an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease, or if an audit is conducted by your local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Copies of the *Nonmedical Waiver and Medical Contraindication Forms* must be submitted no later than October 1, 2017, to the jurisdictional local health department.

A summary of requirements and supporting information is included in this packet and is also posted online at www.mcir.org under the School/Childcare section. Please review this important information to assist you with the completion of the immunization reporting of your attendees. A request for additional informational materials should be directed to your local health department.

To obtain technical assistance or to enroll as a Michigan Care Improvement Registry/Schools Immunization Reporting System (MCIR/SIRS) user, please contact your local health department or the MCIR Help Desk at 1-888-243-6652.

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

Sincerely,



Nick Lyon
Director

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Enclosures

c: Local Health Departments

MCIR/SIRS

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

[MCIR.org](http://www.MCIR.org)

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
- Parents Handout - Vaccines Required for Childcare and Preschools in Michigan
- Influenza Information for Childcare Centers
- Waiver Key Point Flyer
- Waiver FAQ for Parents
- Vaccine Terminology

School packet:

- MCIR/SIRS Information Sheet
- School Cover Letter
- Information for Parents – Teen Vaccines Papillomavirus, Meningococcal & Vaccines for Pre-Teens and Teens
- Influenza Information for Schools
- Vision Screening Information
- Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan
- Parents Handout - Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan
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Timeline for Reporting on MCIR/SIRS

January – December:

Build your roster, making sure that appropriate reporting period and grade is marked for each student. Use current grade, or roundup for kindergarten in the Spring and Summer of 2017 – all students will be advanced automatically on August 1st.

October 1st:

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 100% compliancy.

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 100% 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



Is flu vaccine recommended for children in day-care 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?** The flu vaccine is the best defense against the flu and the best way to protect children and adults from getting the flu.

What is influenza or “the flu”?

The flu is an 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 spreads easily through coughing and sneezing. Many people get the flu every year. Some people can get very sick, and some even die.

What kinds of flu vaccine can children get?

Children can get the flu shot. The nasal spray flu vaccine was not recommended for the 2016-2017 flu season because it did not do a good job of protecting against the flu in previous seasons, in comparison to the flu shot.

➔ **DID YOU KNOW?** The decision to no longer use FluMist® is an example of using science to improve the public’s health.

How can children and staff be protected from the flu?

You can protect children and staff by getting a flu vaccine and encouraging others in contact with children to get vaccinated—parents, teachers, siblings, and other support staff. 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.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

People who have the flu often get sick very fast with a 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.

Are flu vaccines safe?

Yes, flu vaccines are safe and can be given with other vaccines. It is safer to get 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 children and adults need to get a flu vaccine every year. Some children may need two doses of flu vaccine.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices makes the recommendations for who should receive the flu vaccine each year. Visit www.cdc.gov/flu for more information. Updated February 28, 2017.

CHILD CARES AND PRESCHOOLS

VACCINES REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL IN MICHIGAN



Whenever infants and children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Children must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend child care and preschool. These laws are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in group settings. The best way to protect the children in your care from other serious diseases is to promote the recommended vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines. Encourage parents to follow CDC's recommended schedule; by doing so, child care and preschool 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 dose DTaP	2 doses DTaP	3 doses DTaP		4 doses DTaP	
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses or Age-appropriate complete series	4 doses or Age-appropriate complete series		None
<i>H. influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose at or after 15 months or Age-appropriate complete series		None
Polio	1 dose	2 doses			3 doses	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	None			1 dose at or after 12 months		
Hepatitis B*	1 dose	2 doses			3 doses	
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	None			1 dose at or after 12 months or Current lab immunity or History of varicella disease		

These rules apply to children who are the above ages upon entry into child care or preschool. During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children may be excluded from child care 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 www.michigan.gov/immunize.

*If the child has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required. All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for child care and preschool entry purposes.

Updated March 1, 2017

PARENTS VACCINES REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL IN MICHIGAN



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Updated March 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Key Points Related to Claiming a Nonmedical Immunization Waiver for Children Attending Michigan Schools and Licensed Child-Care Centers

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

- Michigan has one of the highest immunization waiver rates in the country, with select counties reporting waiver rates up to 12.5% (that is, more than 12% of school-age students in these places have not received all vaccinations) and individual school buildings reporting even higher waiver rates

Key Points

- The rule applies to parents seeking an immunization waiver on behalf of their children enrolled in a public or private:
 - Licensed childcare, preschool, and Head Start programs
 - Kindergarten, 7th grade, and any newly enrolled student into the school district
- This rule preserves your ability to obtain a nonmedical waiver.
- Nonmedical waivers (religious or philosophical/other objections) are available at your county health department and cannot be found at schools/child-care centers.
- Parents/Guardians are required to follow these steps when seeking a nonmedical waiver:
 1. Contact your county health department for an appointment to speak with a health educator.
 2. During the visit, immunization-related questions and concerns of the parents/guardians can be brought up for discussion with the county health department staff. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/risks (mostly moderate side-effects) of vaccination.
 3. If, at the end of the visit, you request a nonmedical waiver for your child, you will receive a copy of the current, certified (stamped and signed) State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form.
 - Schools/childcare centers will only accept the current, official State of Michigan form (Current date: January 1, 2017).
 - Forms cannot be altered (such as crossing information out).
 4. Take current, certified waiver form to your child's school or childcare center.
- If your child has a medical reason (that is, a true contraindication or precaution) for not receiving a vaccine, a physician must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form, available at your doctor's office (not the county health department).
- Based on the public health code, a child without either an up-to-date immunization record, a certified nonmedical waiver form, or a physician-signed medical waiver form can be excluded from school/childcare.

For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/immunize > then click on *Local Health Departments* > then click on *Immunization Waiver Information*. On this website, there is a link to a list of all the county health departments, along with their addresses and phone numbers.

Nonmedical Waiver Rule for Childhood Immunizations in School and Licensed Childcare: 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 on behalf of their child/children who are enrolled in school or licensed child-care 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?

Michigan has one of the highest immunization waiver rates in the country, with some counties reporting waiver rates up to 12.5% (that is, more than 12% of school-age students in these places have not received all vaccinations). In addition, individual school buildings have reported even higher waiver rates. High nonmedical waiver rates can leave communities susceptible to the entry of diseases such as measles, chickenpox, and pertussis (whooping cough) by undermining community or “herd” immunity that protects vulnerable children (for example, 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 are immune to the disease in a community. Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect children from harmful diseases and even death.

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, immunization-related questions and concerns of parents/guardians can be brought up for discussion with the county health department staff. The staff will present evidence-based information regarding the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits/risks (mostly moderate side-effects) of vaccination. This rule preserves the ability of parents/guardians to obtain a nonmedical waiver following 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, on a form provided by the county health department.

Who does this rule apply to?

The rule applies to parents seeking an immunization waiver on behalf of their children who are enrolling in a public or private:

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

What is considered a certified nonmedical waiver?

A certified nonmedical waiver is the State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form with a revision date of January 1, 2017, displaying the county health department stamp and signatures of the authorizing agent completing the immunization education and the parent/guardian.

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

No, a certified nonmedical 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?

This rule does not change the existing process for medical contraindications to vaccination. If your child has a medical reason (that is, a true contraindication or precaution) for not receiving a vaccine, a physician must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form (which is available at your doctor's office, and not the county health department). This form must be completed and signed by a physician before it can be submitted to a school or child-care center.

What documentation are parents/guardians required to submit to their school or child-care center?

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

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

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

2. Waiver forms that are altered in any fashion (for example: information on the form is crossed out) cannot be accepted by schools/child-care programs.

Where can I find more information?

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

- The above website provides a complete list of county health departments in Michigan, including phone numbers and addresses.

Vaccine Terminology

(these vaccines CAN be counted towards school and/or child care entry)

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, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b, & Inactivated Polio Vaccine	Pentacel®
DTaP-IPV	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis & Inactivated Polio Vaccine	Kinrix®, Quadracel®
Td	Tetanus, diphtheria	Td (adolescent/adult), Tenivac®, Decavac*
Tdap	Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis	Adacel®, Boostrix®
IPV	Inactivated Polio Vaccine	IPOL®, eIPV, IPV, Salk Inactivated, Poliovax*
OPV*	Oral Polio Vaccine	Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine* (tOPV*), Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine* (bOPV*), Monovalent Oral Polio Vaccine* (mOPV*), Sabin*, Orimune*
HepA-HepB [†]	Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B	Twinrix [†]
HepB	Hepatitis B	Engerix-B®, Recombivax HB®, 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	MMR-II®, MMR
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), Nimenrix*
MPSV4	Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine	Menomune®

The vaccines listed in the above table are those that **can be counted** towards a child's school-required and/or childcare-required vaccinations. Please see additional footnotes on page 2.

*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®, contains Hib and Meningococcal Conjugate serotypes C and Y. The MenCY components of MenHibrix® **do not count** as the Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine dose required for 7th grade students and transfer students 11 years and older.

Additional Vaccines That May Be On Immunization Records

(these vaccines do NOT count towards school and child care 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 Options	Afluria [®] , Fluvirin [®]
RIV3	Recombinant Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	Flublok [®]
IIV4 (QIV)	Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Options	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, Meningitec, Meninvact, Menjugate, Neis Vac-C
PPV, PPSV23	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine, 23-valent	PNU-Immune 23, Pneumovax [®]
RV5, RV1	Rotavirus Vaccine	RotaTeq [®] (RV5), Rotarix [®] (RV1)
TT	Tetanus Toxoid	Tetanus toxoid

The vaccines listed in the above table 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 into 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.

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