

# Immunization Reporting

Including information about FERPA and Immunization Waivers

2020-2021 School Year



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# August is National Immunization Awareness Month

- National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/>
- You have the power to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Vaccines are safe and effective at preventing serious diseases.
- Vaccinate on time. Getting vaccines at the recommended time is the best way to protect against serious diseases.
- Vaccine-preventable diseases are still a threat. Vaccination is the best protection.



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## August is Immunization Awareness Month in Michigan

- On 8/12/19, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation declaring August 2019 as Immunization Awareness Month
- *I Vaccinate* provides information and tools based on real medical science and research to help Michigan parents protect their kids. Support is provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Franny Strong Foundation.
- Visit <https://ivaccinate.org/>



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# 2019-2020 Packets

- Full Childcare Packet 2019
  - All files posted online 5/28/2019
- Full School Packet 2019
  - It's complicated...
- Important information
- Available at [www.mcir.org/school-childcare](http://www.mcir.org/school-childcare)
- Will be sent directly to schools and childcare/preschool sites



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# MDHHS Cover Letters

- Childcare Cover Letter (5/14/19)
  - To Directors of Preschool Programs and Licensed Childcare Centers
  - From MDHHS
- School Cover Letter (date TBD)
  - To Superintendents, Principals, & Directors
  - From MDHHS and MDOE



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# Michigan Public Health Code

- 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



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# Michigan Public Health Code (2)

- Michigan Public Health Code requires all children who attend school in Michigan to have an up-to-date immunization history or a valid waiver (medical or nonmedical) on file
- File in the child's permanent record



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Who Do You  
Report?

# PRESCHOOLS & CHILDCARE

All Enrolled Children

Every Year

(Exception – school-age children who are reported by the school that they attend.)



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Who Do You  
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SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN and ALL NEW  
ENTRANTS  
to your school district

PLUS ALL STUDENTS IN 7<sup>th</sup>  
GRADE



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## When are Reports Due?

- Childcare – Tuesday, **October 1, 2019** – Updates may be made in **MCIR/SIRS**
- Schools – Friday, **November 1, 2019** (report **new enterers** to the district enrolling from **Jan. 1 – Sept. 30**, plus all of **7<sup>th</sup> grade**)
- Schools – Monday, **February 3, 2020** (report **new enterers** to the district enrolling during the past year, from **Jan. 1 – Dec. 31**, plus all of **7<sup>th</sup> grade**)



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# Which Vaccines Need to be Reported?

- **Preschools/Childcare:** DTaP, Polio, Hib, MMR, HepB, Varicella, PCV13
- **Schools:** DTaP/Tdap, Polio, MMR, HepB, Varicella, and MenACWY
- **Asterisk –**
  - measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, Hepatitis B
  - If the child/student has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.



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Please  
Remember

- Report on Time! Oct. 1, Nov. 1, & Feb. 3 are the dates when work should be completed
- Send a copy of the Waiver Report and a copy of each waiver (by mail or fax) to Sharon Weems at ACHD by the report due date
- Close Report on IP Status Screen
- **Preschools located in schools should have different ID numbers and should be reported separately.**



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# FERPA is a federal law

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of students' education records.



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## FERPA is a federal law (2)

- FERPA applies to educational agencies and institutions that receive funds under any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.
  - all public schools and school districts
- Private and religious schools at the elementary and secondary level generally do not receive funds from the Department of Education and are, therefore, not subject to FERPA.



# What is FERPA Consent?

- Parent/guardian gives permission to the school to share immunization data with the local health department
- **Consent** to share immunization data (consent form on file at the school)
- **No Consent** to share immunization data (no consent form on file at the school)



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# Provisional Status

- A child has received at least one dose of the required vaccine(s) and the next dose(s) are not yet due.
- Follow-up with these children/students to ensure they receive subsequent doses of vaccine



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# Exclusion Policy

- Schools and childcare centers should not permit a child to enter or attend school or childcare unless a certificate of immunization is presented, indicating that a minimum of one dose of an immunizing agent against each of the diseases has been received, or a valid waiver or medical contraindication form has been received.



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# Exception to Exclusion Policy

- McKinney-Vento Act
  - Children from homeless families may enter school even if the immunization record is not available, but the school district's Homeless Liaison must begin an immediate effort to retrieve immunization information and/or send the child to the doctor or the Health Department for needed immunizations.



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# Allegan County Health Dept Policy

- 2019 Immunization Waiver Forms are available through the Health Department Immunization Program
- Religious or philosophical (other) objections to the vaccination(s)
- Parent/Guardian must call and schedule an appointment with a Public Health Nurse



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## Nonmedical Waivers

- Nonmedical Waivers must be filled out *completely*
- Nonmedical Waivers must be signed in 2019
- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to bring the original, unaltered, signed 2019 Nonmedical Waiver Form to your childcare/preschool/school
- During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children/students may be excluded from childcare/preschool/school.



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# Medical Contraindication Forms

- ***Completed*** 2019 Medical Contraindication Form (for any non-administered required vaccine)
- Must be signed by a physician (MD/DO)
- Must be signed in 2019
- Child is considered susceptible to that disease, and is subject to exclusion if an outbreak of the disease occurs



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# Waiver types

- M = medical contraindication form
- R = immunization waiver form (parent/guardian has a religious objection)
- O = immunization waiver form (parent/guardian has a philosophical objection)



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## Doses Given Too Early

- All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages)
- Vaccines given up to 4 days early are accepted as valid due to the 4-day grace period.
- Not considered valid doses if given earlier than 4-day grace period.
- Repeat dose or obtain medical contraindication form signed by doctor for invalid doses.



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## Live Vaccine Spacing

- Live virus vaccines affecting reports are MMR and Varicella.
- **The “Live Live Rule” is that 2 live virus vaccines must be given on the same day or 28 days apart.**
- If live virus vaccines are given too close together, MCIR/SIRS will assess the second one as invalid.
- The “4-day grace period” does not apply here



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# Meningitis Vaccines

- Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)
  - 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine for grades 7 and higher with children 11 years of age and older
- Foreign exchange students may have only received Meningitis AC or Meningitis C vaccines
  - If the foreign exchange student needs MenACWY, refer to health department clinic



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Required vs.  
Recommended

- Requirements for school & childcare attendance may differ from healthcare provider recommendations for vaccines.
- Schools and childcares follow Michigan Communicable Disease Rules, for required immunization reporting.
- MCIR/SIRS is programmed to assess for school & childcare requirements.



# Foreign Exchange Students

- Foreign exchange students need to meet the same immunization requirements as any other student when entering into a school district.
- If the foreign exchange student is not up-to-date with their immunizations, the responsibility for getting the student vaccinated may fall on the host family.



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## Foreign Exchange Students (2)

- All potential foreign exchange students and their potential host families should receive, prior to the student's arrival in Michigan, a copy of "Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan."



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We  
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You!

- We appreciate your continued support and cooperation in ensuring that Allegan County's children are properly immunized.
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