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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 23, 2018

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors  
Local Education Agency Principals  
Nonpublic School Administrators

**FROM:** Sheila A. Alles, Interim State Superintendent   
Nick Lyon, Director of Department of Health and Human Services 

**SUBJECT:** Immunization Requirements for Children Entering Kindergarten, 7th grade, or Children Entering a New School District in grades 1-12 during the 2018-19 School Year.

Since 1978, Michigan law requires that each student possess a certificate of immunization at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school) for entry into kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or into a new school district involving grades 1-12.

As of August 1, 2018, the Michigan Care Improvement Registry School Immunization Reporting System (MCIR SIRS) module will have in place a new checkbox for recording when a parent does not give permission for the school to share SIRS-entered data for their child. Please follow this [link](#) to access MCIR. This information still will be contained in aggregate (not person identifiable) form for school to local health department (LHD) reporting. Schools will be responsible for obtaining permission on the Consent for Disclosure of Immunization Information to local and state Health departments form from parent/guardian for those students entering K, 7<sup>th</sup> grade or transferring from another school district.

The following circumstances in which a required vaccine may be waived or delayed remains unchanged:

1. Provisional Status: The child has received at least one dose of required vaccine(s) and the next dose(s) are not yet due. Schools are required to follow-up with these students to ensure subsequent doses of vaccine are received and are complete for all required vaccines.

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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 primary care 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 that precludes receipt of vaccination(s). These are nonmedical exemptions and require certification at the LHD.

To receive a nonmedical Waiver form, Parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to receive education at a LHD in Michigan 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 2018 *NonMedical Waiver Form*.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local health department (<https://malph.org/resources/directory>).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance