



MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne County Schools & Childcares

FROM: Kay Fradeneck BSN, RN

DATE: 1/5/2015

SUBJECT: Changes pertaining to immunization waivers

This communication is concerning changes that were passed regarding the Administrative Rules for Michigan schools and childcares pertaining to immunization waivers.

- Groups affected by the change in administrative rules are childcares, kindergarten, 7th grade and any new student to the district.
- Effective January 1, 2015 parents seeking a **non-medical** immunization waiver will be required to come to Wayne County Department of Public Health to obtain a “certified” waiver.
- Parents will be required to schedule an appointment for a face-to-face meeting where they will have the opportunity to have their concerns and questions about immunizations addressed.
- According to the new rule, Wayne County Department of Public Health is required to provide information about the benefits of vaccination and the risks of disease. Once parents have received this information/education, they may receive their “certified” immunization waiver.
- The actual immunization waiver will only be available through Wayne County Department of Public Health. All other waiver versions are now obsolete. **Parents may not cross out or make any changes to the official waiver and if so, is not to be accepted by the school.**
- Michigan State Health Code requires that children attending Michigan schools either be up-to-date with their immunizations or have a waiver on file with the school. This rule applies to all settings, including virtual schools.
- Children that are not up-to-date with their immunizations or have an official “certified” waiver will be excluded from school until they obtain the necessary vaccines or receive a waiver by attending an education appointment at Wayne County Department of Public Health.