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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The New York State Department of Health wants to inform you about the Statewide Immunization Registry Law. This law requires your child's doctor to record any immunizations given to your child into a secure web-based registry. Your child's immunization record will include past and future immunizations until your child is 19 years old. This electronic system is called the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

Your child's doctor will enter all immunizations already given to your child into NYSIIS. Your child's current doctor and any future doctors will continue to record every immunization given to your child. This will create one complete immunization record for your child.

A web-based immunization record is helpful to you as a parent or guardian. This record can be used to provide official immunization information for your child to go to school, day care, or camp. It will also help your child's doctor to know which immunizations your child needs.

Your child's record will be kept secure and private and only those parties authorized by the Department of Health will have access to NYSIIS. You may get a copy of your child's immunization record from your child's doctor or your local health department.

For additional information regarding this new law, visit the New York State Department of Health website at: http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/

If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's doctor. Also, you may contact the Growing Up Healthy Hotline by calling 1-800-522-5006 or through TTY access at 1-800-655-1789.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly A. Noyes'.

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