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Dear Child Care and Accommodation Facilities:

Child care and accommodation facilities are prone to disease outbreaks. Children in child care and accommodation settings can easily spread illnesses due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs and sneezes, and other factors related to interacting in crowded environments. When children are not vaccinated, they are at an increased risk of disease susceptibility and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community.

Nevada law has instituted immunization requirements for enrollment in child care and accommodation facilities. A child is considered up-to-date with the required immunizations when they have received all age appropriate vaccines upon facility enrollment. **Child care and accommodation facilities have a critical role in ensuring children are up-to-date with the required immunizations upon enrollment.**

This letter's purpose is to remind child care and accommodation facility leaders about the immunization requirements for a child's enrollment and their role and authority in enforcing and promoting compliance.

**I. Child immunization data must be verified and documented upon enrollment.**

- A child **may not** be enrolled in a child care or accommodation facility in Nevada if they are not up-to-date with the required immunizations pursuant to NRS 432A.230, 432A.235 and NAC 432A.500-505.
- A child may be enrolled in a child care or accommodation facility in Nevada if his/her parents or guardian provide a written exemption statement based on their religious belief or the child's medical condition.
  - Medical exemptions must also be signed by an appropriate licensed physician.



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**II. Child care and accommodation facilities shall report to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, annually, the exact number of children who have completed the required immunizations.**

- All child care and accommodation facilities must submit child immunization rates to the State by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year using this website: [www.vfcnevada.org/for-schools/ratereporting/](http://www.vfcnevada.org/for-schools/ratereporting/).
- Beginning Fall 2019, immunization rate data will be shared with licensing entities and the Local Health Officers. Data will continue to be shared each subsequent fall.

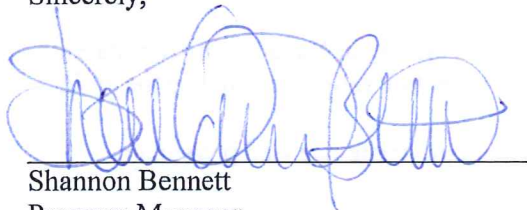
**III. A child may enter a child care or accommodation facility conditionally if the parent or guardian submits a certificate from a physician or Local Health Officer stating the child is receiving the required immunizations.**

- A child may be considered for conditional enrollment when age requirements to receive a required vaccine have not been met or when the minimum interval between vaccine doses has not passed.
- If the immunization requirements can be met with one (1) visit to a physician or clinic, procedures for conditional enrollment **do not apply**.
- A conditionally-enrolled child has 15 days, from the day of their enrollment, to become compliant with the immunization requirements.
- If an immunization record from the physician or Local Health Officer showing the child has received or is receiving the required immunizations is not submitted to the operator of the child care or accommodation facility within 15 days after the child was conditionally admitted, the child must be excluded from the facility and **may not** be readmitted until the requirements for immunization have been met.
- A child whose parent or guardian has not established a permanent residence in the county in which a child care facility is located and whose history of immunization cannot be immediately confirmed by a Local Health Officer or other physician in this State, may enter the child care or accommodation facility conditionally if the parent or guardian:
  - Agrees to submit within 15 days a certificate from a physician or Local Health Officer stating the child has received or is receiving the required immunizations; **and**
  - Submits proof the parent or guardian has not established a permanent residence in the county in which the facility is located.

**IV. A “grace period” for meeting Nevada’s immunization requirements is not allowed.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Nevada State Immunization Program Manager at [sbennett@health.nv.gov](mailto:sbennett@health.nv.gov) or (775) 684-2225.

Sincerely,



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