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TO: DHS/Child Care Providers

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SUBJECT: New Immunization Form

We are excited to introduce a new ***Immunization Form*** to help parents document their child's immunization history or medical/non-medical exemption. The new form will also assist child care providers in collecting the immunization information they need to comply with the Immunization Law and complete the Annual Child Care Immunization Report. There have been no changes to the law or requirements, only improvements to the form.

The new form can be found on Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html). The new form is meant to be distributed with our *Are Your Kids Ready? And When to Get Vaccines, Birth to 16 Years* document that is also available on that web page.

Improvements to the immunization form

- Consolidation to a single form for school, child care, and early childhood education.
- Clearer instructions for parents.
- Formatting changes to make the form more readable.
- Creation of a table for exemptions so parents can select the specific vaccine for which they are requesting an exemption.
- Removed certain signature requirements. Signatures and notarization are still required for non-medical exemptions, and a health care practitioner signature is still required for disease history and medical exemptions.

Transitioning steps

- From now until the spring of 2020:
 - The new *Immunization Form* is available to all child care providers wanting to use it.
 - Child care providers can still use the previous *Child Care Immunization Form*, but it is no longer available on our website.
- Starting in the spring of 2020:
 - All child care providers should use the new form.

In the works

- Translations in other languages: Amharic, Hmong, Karen, Russian, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese.
 - We will post these on Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html) when they are completed.

Please be sure to update your website and resources with this new form if you choose to use it this year. The MDH website was recently updated, so it would be a good idea to check and make sure all your links are going to the correct pages! Please contact us if you have any questions at 651-201-5503 or 800-657-3970.