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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Oakland County Health & Human Services (OCHHS), in collaboration with your child's preschool/childcare program, is providing you with information regarding immunization reporting requirements for the 2025 reporting year. Vaccines are an essential way to keep our children healthy and prevent the spread of vaccine preventable diseases. Per the Michigan Public Health Code, preschool/childcare programs must report the immunization status of all children in their care prior to admission. If a child is not up to date with all required immunizations, a parent/guardian must provide an immunization waiver. There are two types of waivers:

- 1) Medical waiver from the child's treating physician (MD or DO) who is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan – This waiver must state the health condition that is a contraindication or precaution to receiving immunizations and how long the exemption is valid. Your child may be excluded from the preschool/childcare program if there is an exposure to a vaccine preventable disease.
- 2) Non-medical waiver for religious or philosophical reasons – This waiver can only be obtained at a local health department. Your child may be excluded from the preschool/childcare program if there is an exposure to a vaccine preventable disease.

If you obtained a non-medical waiver after January 1, 2022, you do not need an additional non-medical waiver until your child is enrolled in kindergarten, unless your child becomes eligible (due to age) for an additional vaccine.

Please visit <https://www.oakgov.com/community/health/public-health-services/immunizations> for additional information on OCHD immunization clinic appointments or call the OCHHS Nurse-On-Call at 1-800-848-5533 to schedule your clinic immunization or waiver education appointment.

Very sincerely,

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