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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TO: All Pediatric Healthcare Providers
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CC: School Nurse Supervisors and School Medical Advisors
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Medical Exemption Reporting

Under the regulatory authority of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-7h as amended by Section 493 of [Public Act 22-118](#), “Each healthcare provider who has provided a child with a “Student Medical Exemption Certificate for Required Immunizations” form issued by the Department in accord with section 19a-7q of the General Statutes shall file a copy of the form in such a manner as the Department may require. Forms completed prior to July 1, 2022 shall be filed no later than October 1, 2022.”

A secure, web-based portal has been established by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) to collect medical exemption information from the form created by Public Act 22-118. The portal is available here under the “Login Required”, “Medical Exemption Immunization” section: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/>. First time users of the portal must request to “Register as a Submission User”.

All medical exemptions that were issued on or after July 1, 2021 must be entered in the portal. The school where the child attends must also continue to receive a copy of the form. To make this easier, the portal can create a pdf copy of the information entered, which can be printed and shared with the parent or guardian of the child and the school.

In Process Vaccination of Students

Connecticut Immunization school entry requirements require that students whose initial immunizations have been given but additional required immunizations are in process are to submit the [Healthcare Provider’s Certification of In Process Required School Immunizations](#) from the student’s physician, physician assistant (PA) or advance practice registered nurse (APRN) that the additional immunizations are in process in accord with guidelines and schedule specified by the Commissioner of Public Health ([Connecticut Department of Public Health Schedule For In Process Required School Immunizations](#)). Physicians, PAs, and APRNs must follow the CDC catch up schedule following the minimum spacing interval between

doses and complete the administration of the additional required immunizations no later than 30-days after the minimal interval time period has occurred.

For a limited subset of these students, where the provider has clinical grounds for departing from the Department of Public Health Guidelines, the provider may submit a declaration titled the [Healthcare Provider's Declaration of In Process Required School Immunizations for PreK or Pre-School Students Subject to Religious Exemption Prior to April 28, 2021](#). The declaration is to be used only for a student who **prior to April 28, 2021** was both (1) enrolled in a preschool program or other prekindergarten program and (2) exempt from the program's immunization requirements based on a statement submitted to the program that such immunization requirements would be contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parents or guardian of the student. The provider must confirm that the student meets these two requirements by receiving a copy of the student's religious exemption statement from the preschool program or other prekindergarten program dated prior to April 28, 2021. The declaration form should be shared with the school the student attends. If the student does not meet these requirements, then the Healthcare Provider must complete the certificate described above.

Questions can be directed to Dph.immunizations@ct.gov or 860 509-7929. The documents referred to in this communication can also be found on the Immunization Program web site at https://portal.ct.gov/immunization/Laws-and-Regulations?language=en_US.

Immunization Program

Connecticut Department of Public Health

Webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/immunization/>

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