



# Advisory Committee on Medically Contraindicated Vaccinations

Annual Report  
to the Public Health Committee  
of the  
Connecticut General Assembly

Pursuant to Public Act 21-6

December 21, 2022

## **Overview**

Public Act 21-6 “An Act Concerning Immunizations” was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Lamont on April 27, 2021. The Public Act removed non-medical exemptions for immunizations, except in certain situations. Section 8 of Public Act 21-6 required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish an Advisory Committee on Medically Contraindicated Vaccinations, that this committee meet at least twice per year and submit an annual report on its activities and findings to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance on matters of public health.

## **Summary of Activities:**

The committee met twice during 2022, on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the first meeting two recommendations were put forth to aid the committee and the community:

1. A joint workgroup of SDE and DPH to be convened to address the issues raised by school nurses and provide guidelines for school nurses regarding policies for under-vaccinated and unvaccinated students and appropriate catch up schedules. Ideally this would be in place for the start of the 2022-23 school year.
2. Based on legal information provided, recommend that DPH pursue updates to regulations that would require providers to file a copy of the medical exemption form with DPH and DPH would need to identify the best method for collecting this data.

Over the summer the joint workgroup was convened and developed two documents for school nurses to use as guidance for unvaccinated and under-vaccinated students. These address catch-up vaccines for those following the recommended CDC schedule approved by the Commissioner of Public Health as well as those following an alternative vaccine schedule.

DPH has also developed a portal to capture information from medical exemption forms submitted from the time of the passage of Public Act 21-6. Providers will be required to enter this information for all exemptions submitted on behalf on their patients.

At the time of this report, both the portal and the vaccine guidance documents are scheduled to be made available to providers and school nurses in late December 2022 or early January 2023.

The committee plans to meet in the spring and fall of 2023 to review the preliminary information in the medical exemption portal, review feedback from school nurses and review data from the most recent annual school survey.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jody Terranova", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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