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WCHD Waiver Requirements for Childcares/Preschools

A Certified Immunization Waiver Form is needed if a parent holds a religious or philosophical objection to their child receiving a vaccine.

WAIVER REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDCARE/PRESCHOOLS		
AGE	STATUS IN CHILDCARE	PROCESS TO FOLLOW
Less than 1 year of age	New enrollee, no prior enrollment elsewhere	- Obtain a waiver for all currently required vaccines.
	New enrollee, transferring from a different facility*	- Parent must obtain the waiver form from the old Childcare/Preschool and physically bring it to the new Childcare/Preschool. - New Childcare/Preschool changes the name of the program on the waiver.
1 year of age or older	New enrollee, no prior enrollment elsewhere	- Obtain a waiver for all currently required vaccines.
	New enrollee, transferring from a different facility*	- Parent must obtain the waiver form from the old Childcare/Preschool and physically bring it to the new Childcare/Preschool. - New Childcare/Preschool changes the name of the program on the waiver.
Child turns 1 year of age	Currently enrolled	- Parent must obtain a new waiver from the LHD for required vaccines that the child is now eligible for including MMR and Varicella.
*A child can transfer between childcare/preschools and keep the waiver that they were issued from the Health Department until they will be entering Developmental Kindergarten or Kindergarten . At that time a new waiver education session will need to be held and a new waiver obtained by the parent.		

- To obtain a certified waiver a parent must make an appointment with Washtenaw County Health Department. (WCHD) 734-544-6700.
- Parent will receive vaccine preventable disease education in a one-on-one session with a Registered Nurse.
- A certified waiver will be signed in red by a WCHD employee, have a WCHD address stamp and an embossed seal on the bottom right.
- Parent returns the certified immunization waiver form to the preschool
- This waiver is entered as **“other or religious”** in MCIR. **Do not enter “Medical”** even if the parent states a “medical” reason for waiving the immunization. Only a physician can determine a medical reason for a child to be exempt from a vaccine. A medical contraindication form from a physician is needed in this case.
- You may accept waivers from other counties in Michigan

After you have justified the waivers with the Alphabetical List of Waivers you may **only** FAX the waivers or medical contraindication forms to our confidential FAX machine or mail them via USPS. In order to protect a student’s personal medical information, **do not** scan and email waivers or include names and birthdates in any emails that you send. Please forward them to:

Immunization Program Attn: School Reporting Dept.
 Washtenaw County Health Department
 555 Towner St.
 Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198
 FAX: 734-544-6706