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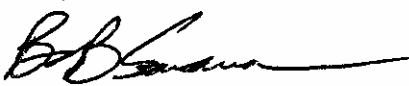
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2010

TO: Superintendents of Local & Intermediate School Districts; Principals of All Public, Private & Parochial Schools; and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Bob Swanson, Director 
Division of Immunization
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SUBJECT: **New School Immunization Requirements for 2010-2011**

In early October 2009, new Communicable Disease Rules were passed by the Michigan Legislature regarding school immunization requirements. The possibility of this was communicated in a flyer in the 2009-10 School Immunization packet, notifying schools and parents of the proposed changes. As indicated in that flyer, the changes include the addition of the following vaccines:

Required for all children entering kindergarten, all sixth grade students, and all children changing school districts:

- Two doses of Varicella (Var) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease

Required for all children 11 through 18 years who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6th grade:

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4 or MPSV4)
- One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) if 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanus/ diphtheria vaccine (DTaP, Td, DT)

These changes will be in effect for the 2010-11 School Reporting year which includes all students newly enrolling in the district beginning January 1, 2010, and reported for the November 2010 report period. Students entering the school district through December 31, 2009, or enrolled in 6th grade, and reported on the February 2010 report will not need to meet



these requirements. **When adding November 2010 students to your MCIR/SIRS roster, please note that these records will not be assessed by MCIR/SIRS for these new requirements until May 1, 2010.**

Program updates in MCIR/SIRS to assist schools in meeting the new requirements will include updates in kindergarten roundup to require the second dose of varicella by February 2010. A new report that will list students in fifth grade and new entrants that are missing required immunizations for the next school reporting year will be available May 1, 2010.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Michigan students protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. For more information on school reporting, please contact the Immunization Program at your local health department. Contacts for local health departments can be found at www.michigan.gov/mdch under "Resources for Local Health Department."