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IMPORTANT NOTICE ACTION IS REQUIRED

Pennsylvania Department of Health
Bureau of Communicable Diseases
Division of Immunizations

Dear Child Care Provider:

As a licensed child care provider you are required to submit the immunization status of each child enrolled in your facility to the Department of Health. These requirements are for each child under your care **IF the child is:**

- 2 months of age through 5 years of age.
- Enrolled for more than 60 days.

The only exemptions from immunizations are:

- A written medical verification signed and dated by the child's health care provider or the Department of Health.
- A written objection on religious grounds signed and dated by the parent or guardian.

This means:

- Children under your care must be up to date with their immunizations (shots).
- Beginning in 2004, a report of each child's immunizations is due to the Department of Health each year.
- **You should have a current Child Health Assessment Form (CY-51) for each child enrolled for more than 60 days.**
- In January 2004, the Department of Health will send you an Immunization Data Collection Form to document the number of doses of individual vaccines each child has.
- The CY-51 forms should be used to complete the Immunization Data Collection Form.
- The Immunization Data Collection Form must be returned to the Department of Health by the date specified on the form.
- Reporting immunizations to the Department of Health does not violate confidentiality.
- Your licensing agency, the Department of Public Welfare, is aware of this requirement and is working with the Department of Health for its enforcement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the PA-Department of Health at (877) PA-HEALTH or (717) 787-5681. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.