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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Oakland County Health Division (OCHD), in collaboration with your child’s preschool/childcare program, is providing you with information regarding immunization waiver requirements for the 2017-2018 school year. Each year, preschool/childcare programs must report the immunization status of all children in their care. If a child is not complete with all required immunizations, a parent must provide an immunization waiver.

There are two types of waivers:

1) Medical waiver from a licensed physician. – This waiver must state the health condition that is a contraindication or precaution to receiving immunizations.
2) Non-medical waiver for religious or philosophical reasons. – This waiver can only be received from a local health department. Your child may be excluded from the school or program if there is an exposure to a vaccine preventable disease.

Waivers submitted to preschools or childcare programs are only good for one calendar year. If you obtained a waiver after January 1, 2017, you do not need an additional waiver to begin the 2017-2018 school year. If the waiver was obtained prior to January 1, 2017, you will need to submit another.

Please visit www.oakgov.com/health or call the OCHD Nurse-On-Call (800) 858-5533 for more information.

Very sincerely,

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