



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Healthcare Providers, Principals, Headmasters, School Nurses, and Childcare Directors

Subject: Certificate of Immunization (COI) for School and Child Care Center/Homes

As required for Immunization Patient Resources with Integrated Technology (ImmPRINT) data quality improvement, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is making changes regarding the COI for school and childcare centers/homes. This letter is to inform you of those changes, offer guidance for implementation, and provide a contact person for questions.

According to ADPH, Administrative Code for Immunization of School Children, 420-6-1-.02, "The Certificate of Immunization will be on a form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health", www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/hlth/420-6-1.pdf. Effective 06/01/2016, the COI should be printed on any regular paper, but IMM-50Ws are still acceptable. ADPH, Immunization Division (IMM), will continue to supply the blank paper (IMM-50) for medical exemptions and hand written COIs until the supply is exhausted. Please document all medical exemptions in ImmPRINT.

Healthcare providers cannot print vendor-created COIs through their electronic health record(EHR). They are not acceptable. The only approved COI forms are from ImmPRINT, ImmPRINT Webservice, or hand written IMM-50s. In addition, ADPH strongly recommends all immunization providers utilize the ImmPRINT Vaccine Forecaster before administering a vaccine and enter all historical and administered doses into ImmPRINT, either by HL7 or manually entry.

ImmPRINT has created a user access level for public schools, private schools, and childcare centers. School nurses are encouraged to enter historical doses and demographics, and print up-to-date COIs from ImmPRINT (expiration date auto populates for the next school law required vaccine). At this time, childcare center directors can enter demographics and print up-to-date COIs (expiration date auto populates for the next ACIP recommended vaccine).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement these necessary changes. With ImmPRINT as the repository for all vaccine histories in Alabama, providers can ensure timely and accurate data for decisions about vaccine administered.

Thank you for increasing immunization rates and decreasing vaccine-preventable diseases for all Alabama's citizens. If you have any questions about ImmPRINT, please contact our Interoperability Team at 1-800- 469-4599 or immprint@adph.state.al.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Lesinger".

Cindy Lesinger
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