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Dear Ms. Findlay:

My husband and I reviewed your proposed changes to the vaccination and immunization policy for student attending public and private schools in the Commonwealth. We have several comments.

Reducing the provisional period from 240 days to 5 days is drastic. What happens if a family tries to obtain a doctors appointment, but can not within the time. This additionally does not provide for sick children to get better.

By requiring proof of chicken pox from a health care provider means that you are taking a sick child into a doctor's office with other sick and well people potentially spreading the disease among others. Additionally, a friend of ours traveled to Texas and his son came down with an extreme case of Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease, but he was diagnosed as chicken pox by an urgent care in Texas. He was not able to travel home since they thought it was chicken pox.

The Meningococcal disease is very rare at this point. By adding this vaccine there are additional fees and also adding extra staff time to make sure that this one vaccination is completed for students entering their last year of school.

Recently, pertussis broke out among fully vaccinated populations. To add this to the kindergarten requirements seems harsh when the efficacy of the vaccine is under question.

Even though in recent years certain vaccinations have been combined, we feel that it is important to list the difference diseases because they are, in fact, different diseases.

We appreciate your time!

Sincerely,  
Heidi Myers

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