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Attention Cindy Findly,

I am writing in regards to proposed regulation changes to vaccination policy for all Pennsylvania schools in grades K-12.

The proposed change to decrease the provisional period for student enrollment from 240 days to 5 days is too extreme. I support shortening the duration in order to get accurate data, and believe 60 days serves that purpose. For one, this allows families that may have a sick child, time for the child to heal which should always be the case before being vaccinated. Also, if the child is behind on many vaccines there is zero safety data on allowing a child to receive many vaccines within days. Sixty days allows a family to follow through in a safe manner while still allowing for accurate reporting.

I support the change of the reporting date from Oct 15th to Dec 31.

In regards to providing evidence of natural immunity of chicken pox. Many doctors do not feel it is necessary, and do not recommend, to have a child with chicken pox to be seen in their doctor's office.

We do not need another vaccine to the absolute unprecedented number of vaccines we currently have on the child vaccination schedule. Especially as there is zero safety data on giving this extremely high number of vaccines to children. I do not support the proposed change to add a meningococcal vaccine to the schedule for 12th graders. This is an extremely rare disease.

The Pertussis vaccine has not been effective. I do not support this being needed for kindergarten admission.

The vaccine doses that are available as a combination vaccine (MMR and Tdap) should be listed singularly.

Would also like to use uniform language in communication of the vaccine policy to families.

Patient privacy also needs to be upheld.

The number of vaccines on the childhood schedule have more than doubled since the year 2000 and have tripled since the 1980's. The vaccine industry has since become a multi-billion dollar industry attracting individuals looking to make money from all ends. There are many issues involved in the health and safety of our children. We must be mindful of an industry paying large sums of money to control this conversation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Karen Foley

