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**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Vaccination regulations

Dear Ms. Findley,

This is in reference to the proposed changes to the vaccination requirements for school-age children (28 Pa. Code §§ 23.81–23.87). The proposed changes are identified as IRRC #3147.

The reduction of time for children to receive the required vaccinations from an 8-month provisional period to 5 days is extreme. Parents need to have much more than 5 days to obtain these vaccinations. This time should be extended to 2-3 months.

The proposal gives contradictory indications regarding the requirement that a medical professional provide proof of varicella immunity. In the cost estimate, that requirement has been removed. But in the text of the proposal it remains. I support the removal of this requirement. A statement from the parents that a child has already had chicken pox should be sufficient in this case.

Sincerely,

Michael Caulfield

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