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Eloquent and perfect!!!!

Thank you for speaking on our behalf in keeping our kids safe from serious disease consequences!

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"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."
Theodore Roosevelt

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit for comment.

The proposed 5 day window in which the parent can submit full immunizations, the next dose or a medical certificate is totally unrealistic. There is no busier time in a school health room than the first week of school!!!! I propose that the child is not given a start date, period, until the parents has either, submitted all required immunizations or submits the medical certificate. Once either is submitted, they are given a start date. Eliminate the 5 days all together.

If the state really wants to sink their teeth into the immunization problem, they will seriously consider the following:

1. For Kindergarten, do away with the provisional enrollment period altogether. Not fully immunization = No attendance. The age of compulsory enrollment is 8 years of age. The state should just say that the child may not start school without full immunizations. I bet this would improve immunization rates!! If parents try to register their children at age 5 and they do not submit proof of full immunizations by the week prior to school starting, the child is not eligible for enrollment until the next school year at the age of 6.

2. It is very difficult to have many kindergarten students immunized by the start of the school year because many of the children do not have their 5 year checkups until after the start of the school year. I would suggest making it standard practice that the 4/5th DPT, 3/4th Polio, 2nd MMR/V be given at the 4 year checkup and not the 5 year checkup. All children are at least 4 when they enter kindergarten so that would eliminate a lot of those children whose insurance will not let them have a well visit until 1 year after their 4 year checkup.

3. The state should require ALL doctors' offices to put immunizations in Pa-Siis so school nurses do not spend time chasing down immunizations that a child already has but their parents/guardians just can't seem to find the time to get the paper work to us. This would allow us to look up and find the information in Pa-Siis, cross that student off our list and concentrate on those students who truly do not have the necessary immunizations.
4. The state should allow for the free exchange of immunization records between school nurses and doctors offices/health clinics without the need for any medical release. Doctors' offices should be made to follow this mandate.
5. Have mandated "buy-in" from school administrators. Enforce repercussions if immunization laws are not followed.
6. All children may not start school until the CSN has given approval that the child has the necessary immunizations to start school.

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"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

-Mother Teresa