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Dear Ms. Findley:

I am writing, per Donna Loeffler's email, to make suggestions about the proposed immunization requirements.

First and foremost, I wholeheartedly support stricter provisional enrollment in the state of Pennsylvania. I do have a concern, however, about the limited window (5 days) for students lacking immunizations. To give a background on our district, I have approximately 1,000 students, in grades 7-12 and our elementary nurse has 3 elementary schools, grades K-6. We are the only Certified School Nurses in our district. I can't possibly imagine trying to coordinate the proposed immunization regulations in 5 short days. The start of the school year is the busiest times for the schools and especially the school nurses. I would suggest a 30 day provisional enrollment period.

I am also very frustrated with (the) Public Health Information System (PHIS). I find VERY FEW physicians participate in charting the immunization(s). I find that pediatricians, generally, participate and the Erie County DOH submits all immunizations given electronically. It would make all school nurse's jobs much easier, if it was mandatory for physician offices to input all immunization data; perhaps a monetary fine would force their hands to participate? It also makes more sense that children who are homeless or who switch schools frequently, always have their electronic immunization documentation to follow them, whatever district they are in. I think physician participation in the PHIS is a critical component for stricter provisional enrollments to be enforced.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and concerns.

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