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Dear Ms. Findley,

The school nurses have just reviewed the upcoming immunization requirements that are being recommended by the Pa Department of Health.

While we are in agreement that PA students need to increase their compliance rate for increasing herd immunity, we cannot see how we nurses are going to be able to complete the upcoming requirements on short notice.

Parents will need to be notified. Local physicians will need to be notified and have available appointments for their patients within a short few months before the start of the school year. We already know that the private practices are scheduled to the max with physical exam requirements for sports and school startup during this time period.

We nurses are so busy at the start of the school year, gathering medications, organizing, orders, care plans, notifying teachers of health needs and developing emergency care plans that we cannot see clear at this time to organize a five day compliance/exclusion plan.

School district administrations will need time to receive notification and understanding and to get notifications to parents.

It is not that we do not want to do this work. We need more time to get the plan in place.

Also, is there a way that more doctors can start to utilize the PA-SIIS system? With the state of family units in this current culture, we nurses do not receive responses from parents after many notifications. It is a very useful tool.

Thank you for your consideration.

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