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Hello,

I am writing to provide my feedback regarding the new immunization regulations. I am a certified school nurse in a K to 12th district of 700 students in rural PA. I totally understand the concern that we need to immunize our students as promptly as possible. Here is my concern and a possible solution.

School nurses are you implementing resource. We work many many hours communicating with our families, students and doctors regarding the necessary boosters. School nurses are not employed in the summer. If there are only 5 provisional days to gather all of the data regarding who received their vaccines, how is the school nurse going to possibly gather all of that info in those 5 days?

The beginning of the school year has many more priorities for students health and safety in my opinion. For instance making sure life saving medical action plan/allergies/medical conditions are communicated with teachers, getting emergency medications and care for the students, along with hundreds of other tasks (I process the free/reduced lunch applications in my district, that come in the hundreds that first week of school).

Maybe the provisional enrollment could be changed to 8 months in **6th grade**. This would allow the school nurse and families to get the vaccines and documentation but also provide protection sooner. Maybe the regulation could be changed to 3 month provisional in kindergarten. At least this way, the school nurse could make kindergarten boosters a priority. There are many school nurses, like me, who have both grades in my schools. This task is almost an impossibility to accomplish.

Thanks for your time. Please call me at 570-427-8687 if you would like to discuss thing further,
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