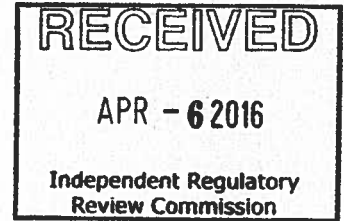


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**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Non-immunized children document 6-366 IRRC#:3146



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**To:** [irrc@irrc.state.pa.us](mailto:irrc@irrc.state.pa.us)  
**Subject:** re: immunizations

Hi I do not have any trouble with any of the new immunizations requirements except the MCV for entering 12th grade. This is not necessary at this time since the students who really need this vaccination should get it when they have their physical for college. It should be a college requirement not a high school requirement.

One question though. If someone has 3 polio immunizations with one of these being given after the 5th birthday, do they need a 4th vaccination?

Thank you for listening.

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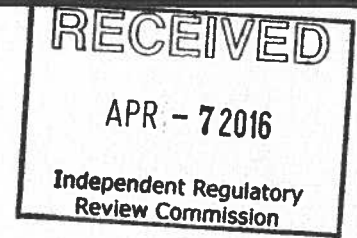
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**From:** Karen Yordy-Splitt <yordysplittk@shikbraves.org>  
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**To:** IRRRC  
**Subject:** MCV concern



Hello,

I have a concern about requiring current juniors to have a second meningitis vaccine before their senior year. Most of these students recently had an eleventh grade physical completed & now have to go back to their doctors to get a vaccine. It was hard enough getting that required physical & now we have to try to get them to go back to their doctor again less than a year later. Is there an easier way to do this? Is it possible to have the Department of Health come to the schools to give it or start this requirement next year for current sophomores, since they will know ahead of time to get it during their required junior physical? Thank you for your consideration. I agree with the requirement of a second MCV. It's just that the timing of it is bad. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing your response.

Karen Yordy-Splitt

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If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you.

Ms. Karen Yordy-Splitt, RN, MSN, CSN  
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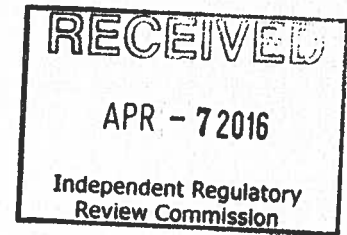
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**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Non-immunized children document 6-336 IRRC #: 3146

I think the timing of the additional immunization requirements is too short. We usually have had a year to inform parents of new requirements. When you are responsible for over a thousand students it is difficult to check all immunization records for completeness, and get parents on board with compliance. It also puts more work on physicians in getting students records completed and to us.

Thanks for listening,

*Cathy Pallygus, R.N., B.S.N., C.S.N.*  
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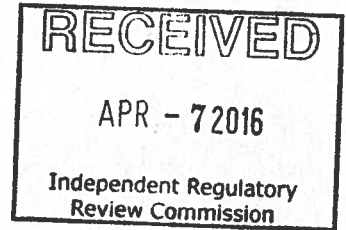


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Hello, If a student had their # 3 polio after age 4, do they still require a fourth dose?

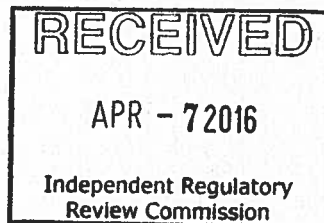
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To: IRRC  
Subject: Non-immunized children document 6-336 IRRC #: 3146



I am writing as a school nurse with some concerns regarding the new PA Department of Health immunization regulations.

I feel that we need a full year to enact this plan. Although it will be a lot of work on the part of school nurses to enact this new regulation in a short time frame, my biggest concern is the possibility that the physicians will not be able to accommodate the need to vaccinate an increased number of children over the summer to have them ready for school the end of August.

My concern is for the incoming Kindergartners and those who move in from out of state right before school starts, many without a doctor in this area. The children who do not have their yearly exam until Fall (for example) and need their 5 year old boosters will be affected. The doctor will then charge for 2 separate appointments. One will be for the needed immunization over the summer and then again for their yearly exam (which insurance does not pay for unless after 1 year from last exam). As you may or may not be aware, our local Pediatricians are already difficult to get into and many times an appointment may take several months, especially for a new patient. Also, if a child has not been seen by their physician within the last year and need an immunization, they will need to schedule a full exam which many parents cannot afford and many times cannot get an appointment for many months. The short time frame for enacting the new regulations will make this scenario difficult.

If I recall, when the 2nd varicella and meningitis requirements were added, didn't everyone have a full year to get on board with it?

School districts need time to review new requirements, make a plan for enacting it and then be given PLENTY of time to disseminate information on several occasions to parents to be successful. I am sure it is the same need in the doctor offices. Summer will soon be here and there will not be time to track down parents and make sure that they fully understand the need and gravity of this new requirement. I believe that many children will need to be excluded at the beginning of the school year due to the short timing of this directive.

I appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing my concerns.

Sincerely,  
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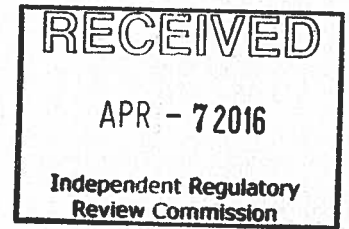
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**To:** IRRC  
**Cc:** Merrilyn Pysher  
**Subject:** Question regarding the new Immunization Regulations



Good Morning,

My name is Nicole Castetter and I am a certified school nurse in PA. My question is regarding the 4th Polio immunization on or after the 4th birthday. Are we to go back and notify every parent of all children who don't have this immunization regardless of the grade the student is in? Or will kids be "grandfathered" in if they only have 3 doses? Or are we only going to start mandating that 4th Polio dose for new incoming Kindergarten students for the 2017/2018 school year? Your guidance is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

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