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To Whom It May Concern:

I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the following proposed changes to the Vaccination Policy:

1. Shortening the Provisional Period

5 days is not nearly enough time. This rush would cause more vaccine adverse reactions as children would receive too many vaccines at the same visit to "catch up" or make the deadline. It would not allow a child who was sick at his office visit to wait to vaccinate until he is healthy.

2. Proof of Natural Immunity to Chicken Pox provided only by a doctor

It is absurd to tell adults that they can't be trusted to be honest about their child's history of chicken pox. Not only is this insulting but it puts an added financial burden on families to make an extra visit to a doctor's office. Not to mention that Doctors tell patients to stay out of the office when they have chicken pox to avoid spreading it to other patients !!!

3. Adding a Meningococcal Vaccine for 12th graders

Meningitis is very rare. The CDC says it is .3 to .5 out of 100,000. The legislature already dismissed this proposed bill as unnecessary. This seems to be an attempt to circumvent the legislative process in PA.

4. Addition of a Pertussis vaccine for Kindergarten admission

The Pertussis vaccine is being scrutinized for its lack of efficacy. Why add an additional dose of a vaccine that is ineffective? Parents are already concerned about the number of vaccines their children are getting. More is not always better.

5. Eliminating Separate Listings for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis.

Please keep the separate listing for all vaccines so that the accuracy in data collection and publication can be ensured.

I **FULLY AGREE** WITH ONE PROPOSED CHANGE:

1. Change the Reporting Deadline from October 15th to December 31st

I fully support the later reporting date to give the DOH additional time to prepare more accurate records.

I **REQUEST** an additional requirement for schools to use standardized language in regard to vaccine requirements and accepted exemptions as is written in the text of 28 PA Code CH. 23.

I **REQUEST** an investigation be done to determine how students' medical privacy is being ensured as schools submit vaccination records electronically. Does HIPPA apply? Remember that vaccination is a medical procedure that should be held in confidentiality as any other medical procedure is.

Sincerely,
Amy Rafferty