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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Michigan recently modified the administrative rules that change how nonmedical waivers for immunizations will be processed for school and childcare programs. The new rule went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. The hope is the new rule will help answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding immunizations.

Key Points

- The new rule applies to all children who are enrolled in a public or private:
 - **Licensed childcare, preschool and head Start Program**
 - **Kindergarten, 7th grade and any newly enrolled student (1 – 12) into the school district**
- The new rule does not take away your right to obtain a nonmedical waiver.
- Nonmedical waivers will need to be obtained from a county health department. **Holy Rosary will NOT have them. The certified nonmedical waiver can only be obtained at a county health department.**
- Parents / Guardians must follow these steps when requesting a nonmedical waiver:
 1. Contact your county health department for an appointment to speak with a health educator.
 2. During the visit, there will be an opportunity to have a discussion about immunizations with the county health department staff.
 3. If at the end of your visit, you request a nonmedical waiver for your child, you will receive a copy of the current, certified (stamped and signed) State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form.
- Holy Rosary School and Child Development Center will only accept the current, official State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form dated Jan. 1, 2015.
- Forms cannot be altered in any way (such as crossing information out). **Please return completed, certified waiver form to Holy Rosary School no later than September 1, 2015.**
- If your child has a medical reason for not receiving a vaccine, a physician must sign the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form. This form is available in your doctor's office – not the county health department.
- **Based on the public health code, children without an up-to-date immunization record, a certified nonmedical waiver form or a physician signed medical waiver form can be excluded from school/child care.**

For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/immunize, click on Local Health Departments, then click on Immunization Waiver Information.

There is a list of all the county health departments on this website, along with phone numbers and addresses.

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