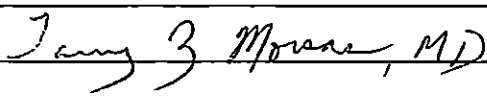


**MIDLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY
IMMUNIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: School Waiver Policy

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POLICY: Midland County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) will educate parents about the importance of protecting the health of their children with vaccines before issuing a valid vaccine waiver.

PROCEDURE:

1. Medical Waiver – Medical Contraindication Form DCH-0713
 - a. A valid medical contraindication contains a statement signed by a health care provider indicating that a child won't be receiving a required immunization due to a medical condition that increases adverse outcome from vaccine administration.
 - b. Must specify the vaccine(s) that cannot be administered and indicate how long the medical exemption lasts.
 - c. Medical contraindication must be submitted on Medical Contraindication Form DCH-0713.

2. Immunization Waiver Form DCH-0716
 - a. Immunization Waiver form (Revised 01/01/2016) must be obtained at Midland County Health Department (MCHD) after receiving immunization education from MCHD staff. MCHD staff will sign and stamp the waiver form after it is completed and signed by the parent. MCHD will scan a copy of the signed waiver form into the electronic health record (EHR) and the original will be given to parents to take to the school. Waiver forms for childcare and preschools must be signed annually unless the child remains in the same program and no new vaccines are needed.
 - b. Waiver forms may not be altered by editing waiver language and must include a statement explaining the parent's objection to the immunization.
 - c. In the case of foreign exchange students, the waiver can be signed by the host parents if the form is accompanied by an email or other written documentation from the legal parents stating they are opposed to vaccination and that they understand the risks of not vaccinating.
 - d. Parents will be requested to make an appointment for the education session at MCHD. Depending on circumstances, alternative arrangements (such as a phone conference) may be an option. If so, a verbal signature will be obtained after the vaccine education is reviewed and their questions are addressed. MCHD will sign and stamp the waiver form and mail the original to the child's school after scanning it into the child's EHR.