



## Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO  
Governor

SHEILA J. POOLE  
Commissioner

June 18, 2019

Dear Provider:

On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. The United States is currently experiencing the worst outbreak of measles in more than 25 years, with outbreaks in pockets of New York primarily driving the crisis. As a result of non-medical vaccination exemptions, many communities across New York have unacceptably low rates of vaccination, and those unvaccinated children can often attend school where they may spread the disease to other unvaccinated students, some of whom cannot receive vaccines due to medical conditions. This new law will help protect the public amid this ongoing outbreak.

Enclosed is a joint statement from New York State Department of Health, State Education Department, and Office of Children and Family Services regarding the non-medical vaccination exemption legislation. Additionally, a document of frequently asked questions is included. Please review this information carefully. Updates will be posted to our website at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main>.

If you have any questions, please contact your child care regulator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Molnar".

Janice Molnar  
Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services