Immunity & Exemption Documentation Requirements

Immunity:

- A State of Alaska Immunization Program developed form is required documentation if a child is not to receive vaccines due to immunity. (The required use of a *state* form became effective July 1, 2009. Valid documentation written and dated prior to July 1, 2009 will be grandfathered.) A copy of a state form is enclosed.
- Documentation must be signed by an Alaska-licensed M.D., D.O., A.N.P., or P.A. stating the child is immune.
- Titer results are not required to be filed in school/child care records.
- Do NOT use the medical exemption half of the form for immunity documentation.

Medical Exemptions:

- A State of Alaska Immunization Program developed form is required documentation if a medical provider's professional opinion is that immunization would be injurious to the health of the child, or members of the child's family or household. (The required use of a state form became effective July 1, 2009. Valid documentation written and dated prior to July 1, 2009 will be grandfathered.) A copy of a state form is enclosed.
- Documentation must be signed by an Alaska-licensed MD, DO, ANP, or PA, stating the child is medically exempt from receiving immunization(s).
- Do NOT use the medical exemption half of the form for immunity documentation.

Religious Exemptions:

- The State of Alaska Religious Exemption form (enclosed) is required documentation for children whose parents/guardians claim religious exemption status.
- Modification to the wording of the State religious exemption form may invalidate the exemption. Statements indicating philosophical or personal opposition to vaccines will invalidate religious exemption documentation.
- Religious exemption forms are valid from July 1 through June 30 each year and must be renewed annually. For compliance purposes, enforcement of annual renewal for children enrolled in summer programs (i.e., summer school, child care) begin on July 15.
- Notarization of the form is required.

State laws supporting these requirements include:

- 7 AAC 57.550 – Title 7 Health and Social Services, Part 4 Children's Services and Juvenile Justice, Chapter 57 Child Care Facilities Licensing, Article 5 Care and Services, Section 550 Health
- 4 AAC 06.055 – Title 4 Education and Early Development, Chapter 6 Government of Schools, Article 1 General Administration, Section 55 Immunizations Required
- AS 18.15.355 – Title 18 Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and Public Defender, Chapter 15 Disease Control and Threats to Public Health, Section 355 Prevention and Control of Conditions of Public Health Importance

The above requirements have been reviewed and approved by the State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Education and Early Development, and Attorney General's Office.