

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TO : Charisse R. Lillie, City Solicitor

DATE 3/8/91

FROM : Joseph Paglia, Deputy Records Commissioner

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATION
OF CHILD DAY CARE CENTER ATTENDEES

The above regulations, promulgated by the Dept. of Public Health, were received in the Department of Records on February 4, 1991, for filing and advertising.

Inasmuch as there were no requests for hearings, these regulations became effective midnight, March 6, 1991.

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cc: Maurice C. Clifford, M.D., Health Commissioner

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WHEREAS, there has been marked increase in reported cases of measles in Philadelphia, especially among the preschool-age population, causing Philadelphia to be identified as a high-risk area for measles, and

WHEREAS, measles can result in significant complications, including death, and;

WHEREAS, susceptible children are subject not only to the effects of the disease and its complications but may be responsible for the transmission of the disease to other susceptible persons in the community, therefore;

PURSUANT to Section 6-210 of the Health Code of Philadelphia the following regulation is promulgated by the Board of Health:

Any child 6 months of age or older entering or attending a day care center in Philadelphia must be appropriately immunized against measles as a condition of continued attendance at the day care center. Appropriate immunization against measles in a high-risk area such as Philadelphia is defined as:

- (a) one (1) of single antigen measles vaccine for children between 6 and 12 months of age; a dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) is then required at 15 months of age;
- (b) first dose of MMR vaccine for children between 12 months and 4 years of age;
- (c) second dose of MMR for children between 4 and 6 years of age.

A child 6 months of age or older who is not in compliance with the above immunization schedule shall not be allowed to enter or remain in day care centers in Philadelphia unless,

- (a) a letter is received from his/her licensed medical care provider stating that measles immunization is medically contraindicated, or;
- (b) a letter is received from a parent/legal guardian stating that he/she is philosophically/religiously opposed to the child receiving the immunization; or
- (c) proof of serologic immunity to measles for the child is presented.

Children under 6 months of age are allowed to remain in day care centers with no measles immunization.

Implementation of this regulation shall remain in effect until the Health Commissioner determines that Philadelphia is no longer a high-risk area for measles, and shall be re-implemented by the Commissioner when required by similar circumstances.

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