April 11, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Sherrill W. Parris, Senior Deputy State Superintendent of Education

RE: Use of ImmPrint System to Print Certificate of Immunization

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) have partnered together to address the number of students attending schools without a valid Certificate of Immunization (COI). We ask local education agencies (LEAs) to help implement ways to reduce the number of children with an expired or no COI. The ALSDE and the ADPH have partnered together to get the COI process as efficient as possible. Attached are instructions that will help lead nurses improve the process at each school.

The ALSDE strongly encourage superintendents and lead nurses to work with parents, private healthcare providers, and county health departments to ensure children attending public school have a valid COI. These new changes will enable the printing of the certificate to occur at the school level. In addition, the school nurse will have the ability to view immunization data in real-time.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ventress, Nurse Administrator, at 334-242-8165 or e-mail at jventress@alsde.edu. If you have questions for the ADPH, please contact Ms. Cindy Lesinger, at 334-206-2018 or e-mail at cindy.lesinger@adph.state.al.us.

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Attachment

cc: Lead Nurse Supervisor
    Health Care Supervisor
    Ms. Cindy Lesinger
    Dr. Karen Landers

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IMPRINT SYSTEM
CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

Instructions for Printing Certificate of Immunization

Each school must ensure that each pupil presents a valid Certificate of Immunization as required by the Code of Alabama, §16-30-4. "The Certificate of Immunization (COI) will be on a form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)." The only form approved by ADPH is the COI from ImmPrint. Effective immediately, the school nurse can print the student’s COI directly from ImmPrint. For school nurses, the ImmPrint COI will print only if the child is up-to-date for school required vaccine. The expiration date will auto populate based on the school required vaccine, and it has the ImmPrint logo in the lower left corner. Effective immediately, with the ability to print no screen shots or electronic health record are acceptable. In addition, the ADPH, Immunization Division (IMM), is phasing out the blue paper requirement for COI. The ADPH IMM will no longer order the blue stock paper. Providers and schools can either continue to order until the current inventory is depleted or begin immediately to use white paper for printing the COI.

Instructions for Entering Data Into ImmPrint

Historical data may now be entered into the ImmPrint system by the school nurse. The Lead Nurse or Local Education Agency (LEA) has the option to allow the school nurses to enter historical data into ImmPrint. This is strictly a LEA decision. The ADPH makes the same recommendations for school nurses as county health departments. Accept and enter in ImmPrint any immunization record from parent/guardian, if it appears valid, with provider, state, or country information. The ADPH does not recommend contacting providers, states, and countries to verify the validity of the record. ImmPrint will also provide the school nurses the ability to print the Vaccine Forecaster and the Patient/Parent Card for students to take home for parent review.