Sample Letter to Notify Families of Full Implementation of DHS 144

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Wisconsin [has updated its immunization requirements](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/reqs.htm) for child care and school entry. The changes for school entry go into effect for the 2024/2025 school year. Therefore , if you have a child entering our school district for the first time in the 2024/25 school year and your child does not need the varicella vaccine because they had chicken pox disease you will need to have a healthcare provider (MD, PA, or NP) sign the verification of disease form. The form is attached to this letter.

If your child will be in 7th grade for the 2024/2025 school year, our school district is collecting the date of their Meningitis vaccines, particularly the one containing ACWY antigens. This would be called MenQuadfi TN, Menveo®, or Menactra® on your child’s immunization record. Vaccination against meningitis B is not required, but you can supply us those dates too if you wish. You can write the information on this enclosed form or print off a copy of their immunization record from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR).

If your child will be in 12th grade during the 2024/2025 school year, we need to have dates of two ACWY containing meningitis vaccines, unless the first dose was given after your child was 16 years old. Parents may sign a personal conviction or religious waiver for these meningitis vaccines, just as they may for other vaccinations, or have a medical waiver signed by a healthcare practioner.

Your assistance in collecting this information is greatly appreciated!