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Dear Colleague:

The Annual Immunization Status Report (IMM-7/ASR) is designed to assess the immunization status of pupils in New Jersey schools. The deadline for the submission of the IMM-7 is February 1 of the respective academic year unless otherwise specified. This year the deadline has been changed to February 14<sup>th</sup>. All schools are responsible for ensuring that pupils at all grade levels are in compliance with the New Jersey Immunization Regulations N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 to 8:57-4.24, which are available on the Lexis Nexis website at <u>lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode</u>.

All childcare/preschools through high schools need to complete the IMM-7 report in its entirety. **Please note that the IMM-7 is independent from the local health department school audit.** It is the responsibility of the principal, director, or person in charge of a school, preschool, or childcare facility to assess if students are in compliance with New Jersey's immunization requirements. This self-survey will provide a snapshot of the immunization status of students attending school from September through December of the respective academic year. The electronic report must be accessed and submitted on-line from January 1 through February 14 at <u>nj.gov/health/cd/imm\_requirements/annualstatusrpt.shtml</u>.

Additionally, the IMM-7 is accompanied by a brief influenza immunization survey. The flu survey is an important tool for the evaluation of the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program's (VPDP) policies and regulations on the influenza vaccine requirement. Although the survey is voluntary, we strongly recommend and encourage you to complete it.

Please be sure to check out the Annual Immunization Report section under the Immunization Requirements page, which can be accessed at <u>nj.gov/health/cd/imm\_requirements</u>. In this section, you will find an electronic copy of this year's packet, a link to the online form, an ASR ID search tool, and a tutorial to assist you with the successful completion of the ASR.

Lastly, the enclosed FAQs contain the steps and required information for filling out and submitting the IMM-7 report. The Special Notice contains pertinent information you should be aware of, specifically as it relates to complying with New Jersey's immunization requirements. It is important that you read both documents in their entirety as information has been updated for the current reporting year.

Please continue to inform the VPDP of any changes in your school or childcare center name or address by submitting the NJDOH ASR ID Request and School Information Change form, available at <u>healthsurveys.nj.gov/NoviSurvey</u>. Should you require further assistance, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at (609) 826-4861.

Sincerely,

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