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To: School Administrator/Nurse

From: Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

Subject: Provisional Admission Student Tracking Form

In accordance with the New Jersey Immunization of Pupils in School regulations, (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5), "a child shall be admitted to a school, preschool, or child care facility on a provisional basis if a physician, an advanced practice nurse (certified registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) or health department can document that at least one dose of each required age-appropriate vaccine(s) or antigen (s) has been administered and that the pupil is in the process of receiving the remaining immunization(s)." Pupils must be actively in the process of completing the series and on schedule to receive subsequent doses as rapidly as medically feasible. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccine(s).

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recognizes the challenge in keeping track of students who have been provisionally admitted; therefore, you may use the *Provisional Admission Student Tracking* form to streamline the process. A copy of this document should be given to the student's parents/guardians so they can make arrangements to fulfill the vaccine requirements for school attendance.

NJDOH does not require the use of the *Provisional Admission Student Tracking* form, but it is highly recommended that some type of tool is utilized to capture this information. Please consult with your local health department to best assess immunization compliance within your school.

Please see the accompanying information for further information about provisional admission.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting our schools and communities. Your dedicated efforts are greatly appreciated and will help protect students, schools and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases.