



Dear Beautiful Savior Child Care Parents,

July 1, 2019

Our records show you have one or more children with a personal or philosophical exemption to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. As of July 28, 2019, a new state law, Engrossed House Bill 1638, removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR vaccine required for school and child care attendance. Medical and religious exemptions are not affected by this new law.

Based on this new law, you will need to provide updated immunization paperwork on or before July 28, 2019. Depending on their age, children without a medical or religious exemption will need one or two doses of MMR vaccine to be allowed to continue in child care.

One dose of MMR is required for all children age one year and older to attend child care or preschool. Two doses of MMR vaccine are required for all students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If a child needs both doses, the two doses must be given at least 28 days apart. If you have a child in K-12, they may enter child care and are considered conditional status if they have one dose of MMR vaccine. Children stay in conditional status until 30 days after dose 2 of the MMR vaccine comes due.

In Summary:

- Personal/philosophical exemptions for MMR are no longer valid.
- Your child needs proof of MMR vaccination by July 28, 2019.
- Children not compliant with state vaccine requirements cannot continue in child care.

By notifying you now, we hope you will have sufficient time to meet the new immunization requirements.

Please fill out and return a new/current Certificate of Exemption form (attached) for each child you have enrolled to replace your old Certificates of Exemption in order to update their student file.

We all want to make good choices and do what's best for our children. As a community, we must protect our own health and work together to protect each other's health. Choosing to immunize is one of the most important decisions you can make to protect yourself, your children, your family, and the community from diseases that vaccines prevent.

You can find more information on the Washington State Department of Health exemption law change webpage, including FAQs: [www.doh.wa.gov/mmrexemption](http://www.doh.wa.gov/mmrexemption).

If you have any questions, you can contact us at: (509)747-2533

Thank you,

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