



December 6, 2022

Dear Janine Strick,

The PASNAP (Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners) Board of Directors recently met to discuss concerns regarding the newly revised changes to the SILR (State Immunization Law Report). This report must be submitted between Dec 1st and Dec 31st, 2022. Our PASNAP members voiced many valid concerns regarding the rollout of these changes and the deadline:

- Workday meetings are difficult while caring for our students' needs.
- Written notification of the detailed proposed changes was not received in a timely manner.
- Not all school nurses received the meeting invitation for the webinar.
- Short time frame from invite to implementation.
- Emergency certified and new school nurses may not be familiar with this report at this time.
- Districts have various policies and procedures regarding homeschool student records.
- School Nurses often receive incomplete data regarding homeschool students' immunizations.
- Communication from Division of Immunizations with school district administration is lacking.
- Explanation for changes not clear.
- Incomplete data resulting from conflicting definitions will impact the accuracy of the report.
- Definition of medical exemption has changed since the previous 2017 immunization manual per the webinar presentation.

Our primary concern is always the health and safety of our students, faculty, and community. We also acknowledge the importance of increased immunization compliance. In order to uphold this standard, we respectfully request a meeting as well as an extension for the submission of this year's SILR to review and clarify the above concerns.

Sincerely,

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President PASNAP

cc: Colleen Schultz      Director, Division of School Health