MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE

CHILD'S NAME ________________________________________

LAST NAME ________________________________________

FIRST NAME ________________________________________

SEX: MALE □ FEMALE □

BIRTHDATE ____________ / ______ / ______

COUNTY ____________________________ SCHOOL ____________________________ GRADE ______

PARENT NAME ________________________________________ PHONE NO. ______________________

OR

GUARDIAN ADDRESS ______________________________________ CITY ____________________ ZIP ______

To the best of my knowledge, the vaccines listed above were administered as indicated.

Clinic / Office Name
Office Address/ Phone Number

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1. _____________________________________________
   Signature: __________________________
   (Medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider only)
   Title: __________________________
   Date: __________________________

2. _____________________________________________
   Signature: __________________________
   Title: __________________________
   Date: __________________________

3. _____________________________________________
   Signature: __________________________
   Title: __________________________
   Date: __________________________

Lines 2 and 3 are for certification of vaccines given after the initial signature.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM VACCINATION ON MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. ANY VACCINATION(S) THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE.

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION:

Please check the appropriate box to describe the medical contraindication.

This is a: □ Permanent condition OR □ Temporary condition until ______ / ______ / ______

Date

The above child has a valid medical contraindication to being vaccinated at this time. Please indicate which vaccine(s) and the reason for the contraindication, ____________________________________________________________________________

Signed: __________________________ Medical Provider / LHD Official __________________________ Date __________________________

RELIGIOUS OBJECTION:

I am the parent/guardian of the child identified above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any vaccine(s) being given to my child. This exemption does not apply during an emergency or epidemic of disease.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________

MDH Form 896 (Formally DHMH 896)
Rev. 5/21
Center for Immunization
www.health.maryland.gov/imm
How To Use This Form

The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates (using month/day/year) directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing the signature section. Combination vaccines should be listed individually, by each component of the vaccine. A different medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or child care service.

Only a medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may sign ‘Record of Immunization’ section of this form. This form may not be altered, changed, or modified in any way.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for all vaccines except varicella, measles, mumps, or rubella.

2. Reconstructed dates for all vaccines must be reviewed and approved by a medical provider or local health department no later than 20 calendar days following the date the student was temporarily admitted or retained.

3. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of immunity against diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis (DTP/DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td).

4. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but revaccination may be more expedient.

5. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except varicella.

Immunization Requirements

The following excerpt from the MDH Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03 applies to schools:

“A preschool or school principal or other person in charge of a preschool or school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to or retain a student in a:

(1) Preschool program unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age appropriate immunity against Haemophilus influenzae, type b, and pneumococcal disease;

(2) Preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and

(3) Preschool program or kindergarten through the 12th grade unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against: (a) Tetanus; (b) Diphtheria; (c) Poliomyelitis; (d) Measles (rubeola); (e) Mumps; (f) Rubella; (g) Hepatitis B; (h) Varicella; (i) Meningitis; and (j) Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis acquired through a Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.”

Please refer to the “Minimum Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-school Programs and in Schools” to determine age-appropriate immunity for preschool through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and MDH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

Age-appropriate immunization requirements for licensed childcare centers and family day care homes are based on the Department of Human Resources COMAR 13A.15.03.02 and COMAR 13A.16.03.04 G & H and the “Age-Appropriate Immunizations Requirements for Children Enrolled in Child Care Programs” guideline chart are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)