



Rick Scott
Governor

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Dear Immunization Partners:

The Bureau of Immunization is providing the following information to our immunization partners in an effort to inform you of changes relating to the *Certification of Immunization*, DH 680 form.

The *Certification of Immunization*, DH 680 form, can now be printed on white or blue paper. Schools and childcare centers should accept the DH 680 form if printed on white paper. Forms may be completed by hand or printed from the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS).

When determining the validity of a DH 680 form, please follow the guidelines below that reflect legal requirements for the form:

- Must be a DOH form (either from Florida SHOTS or pre-printed blank form);
- Must be legible; and
- Must have the signature of healthcare provider (either by hand or by means of an electronic signature verification ID from Florida SHOTS).

Please note: Some providers are experiencing difficulties with the visibility of the State of Florida seal when printing the electronic form from the Florida SHOTS. We are working to identify the variables related to various printers used by Florida SHOTS end-users to resolve the situation. In the interim, these forms are valid, regardless of the degree of visibility of the state seal watermark.

In addition, providers are now permitted to make legible copies (for use only in their practices) of blank DH 680 forms to be completed by hand in the absence of using the Florida SHOTS. The manually completed DH 680 form will remain available from the State Distribution Center, and will be printed on white paper once remaining supplies are depleted. Blank DH 680 forms are not for general public use or distribution.

It is important to note a change for the 2011/2012 school year as follows:

- Effective school year 2011/2012 for kindergarten entry: A fifth dose of poliovirus vaccine is required if the fourth dose was administered prior to the fourth birthday. The DH 680 form has been updated to provide a space to document a fifth dose of poliovirus vaccine as needed.

Thank you for your continued partnership to ensure all children in childcare centers and schools have appropriate immunization documentation. Please direct questions to the Bureau of Immunization at (850) 245-4342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles H. Alexander".

Charles H. Alexander, Chief
Bureau of Immunization