

Dear _____ ,

I recently received a letter from [Name], [Title], regarding my child's need for vaccinations. I am addressing this letter to you since you are the Nursing Department Chair for the School District.

The letter I received leads one to believe that the only option for enrolling children in the school district is to have them fully vaccinated. As a reminder, under the requirements of Pennsylvania law, which offers options besides immunization for school attendance, it is the legal duty of school administrations to fully inform parents of those options. See Pennsylvania Code, Title 28, Subchapter C, Immunization §23.84 and §23.85, Exemption from Immunization and Responsibilities of Schools and School Administrators. Copy referenced below.

A school administration that does not inform parents about the availability of §23.84 immunization exemptions as required by §23.85(a)(1), or which does not inquire about such exemptions when ascertaining a student's immunization status per §23.85(a)(2) & (b), is not in compliance with Pennsylvania law. In order to ensure that you are providing complete and accurate information in compliance with Pennsylvania law, I am making a request that you make reference to the exemption options such as can be found in the PA Department of Health flyers linked below in any future communication which is sent to parents, guardians or emancipated students.

- English flyer: www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/School%20Health/SIR5.pdf
- Spanish flyer: www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/School%20Health/SIR7.pdf

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,