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Immunization Providers:

MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE WYIR

On February 7, 2018, with the Governor's approval of the revised Wyoming Department of Health Immunization Program Rules (Rules), reporting to the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) became mandatory. The Rules require any health care provider who administers vaccines in the State of Wyoming to report immunization information to the WyIR. *Rules, Wyo. Dep't of Health, Wyo. Immunization Program*, ch. 5, § 11 (2018).

The WyIR is the immunization information system (IIS) utilized by the Wyoming Department of Health. It is a confidential, population-based, computerized database that records all immunization doses administered to persons residing in Wyoming. The WyIR offers an opportunity for confidential, secure, centralized, and immediate access to immunization records for authorized providers. There are currently more than 170 facilities reporting to the WyIR, including hospitals, family practices, public health nursing offices, pharmacies, and correctional facilities, making the WyIR valuable in identifying under- and over-immunized patients, monitoring community immunization rates, identifying coverage gaps and improving vaccination rates. For general information about IISs and their value to your practice, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics website on Immunizations at <https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/immunizations/Practice-Management/Pages/immunization-information-systems.aspx>.

Reporting to the WyIR is mandatory. Please be aware that the Department promulgated the Rules pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 35-4-101 and 35-1-240. *Rules, Wyo. Dep't of Health, Wyo. Immunization Program*, ch. 1, § 1 (2018). Wyoming Statute § 35-4-101 allows the Department to write Rules for the management and control of communicable diseases.

Reporting to the WyIR can take place using two methods, 1) direct data entry or 2) electronic data exchange. *Rules, Wyo. Dep't of Health, Wyo. Immunization Program*, ch. 5, § 11(a)(i) (2018). If you are not yet reporting to the WyIR, please contact us immediately at wyir@wyo.gov so we can assist you with reporting. Please contact me at jude.alden@wyo.gov or 307-777-6001 if you have any questions about the Rules. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jude Alden".

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