

**EXCLUSION OF STUDENT IN HEAD START CENTERS WITH
IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION CARDS ON FILE**

THIS PLAN IS TO PROTECT ALL CHILDREN THAT ARE ENROLLED IN HEAD START. HEAD START RESPECTS THE RIGHTS OF EVERY PARENT CONCERNING THEIR RELIGIOUS, PERSONAL, AND MEDICAL PRACTICES. HEAD START STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN TO WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS OF IMMUNIZATIONS BEFORE SIGNING AN IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION CARD.

HEAD START HAS WRITTEN THE FOLLOWING POLICY WITH THE HELP OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, POPULAR BLUFF, MISSOURI.

1. IF A CONFIRMED CASE OF MEASLES IS REPORTED THE CHILD MUST BE EXCLUDED FOR A PERIOD OF FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER THE LAST CASE OCCURS.
2. IF A CONFIRMED CASE OF RUBELLA IS REPORTED THE CHILD MUST BE EXCLUDED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS AFTER THE LAST CASE OCCURS.
3. IF A CONFIRMED CASE OF MUMPS IS REPORTED THE CHILD MUST BE EXCLUDED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-SIX (26) DAYS AFTER THE LAST CASE OCCURS.
4. IF A CONFIRMED CASE OF PERTUSSIS IS REPORTED ALL INCOMPLETELY IMMUNIZED CHILDREN, SYMPTOMATIC, AND CHILDREN WITH YOUNGER AND INFANT SIBLINGS MUST BE EXCLUDED UNTIL THE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAKES A RECOMMENDATION.
5. IF A CONFIRMED CASE OF HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA IS REPORTED ONLY AGE-APPROPRIATELY VACCINATED CHILDREN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE GROUP DURING THE TIME OF PROPHYLAXIS IS GIVEN AND FOR TWO (2) MONTHS AFTER THE ONSET OF THE CASE.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT IN THE CASE OF ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE HEAD START WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE STATE OF MISSOURI DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO KEEP PARENTS AND STAFF INFORMED OF ANY VITAL INFORMATION.