



# Measles and Regulated Child Care

## Background

Childhood diseases like measles can cause children pain and discomfort, which can lead to hospitalizations and even death. Immunization against measles is the best way to protect young children from this serious disease.

Measles is considered a communicable disease. If there is a confirmed case of a communicable disease in a child enrolled at a regulated child care center, it must be reported to DCF and your local health department within 24 hours after the center has been notified of the diagnosis.

For more information on measles, symptoms, and prevention visit the [DHS website](#).

## Immunization Requirements

All certified and licensed child care centers must maintain a current written record of each child enrolled at the center. This includes documentation that indicates the child's immunization history is in compliance with Wis. Stat. §252.04 – Immunization Program.

- DCF 202.08(4)(e)
- DCF 250.04(6)(a)4m.
- DCF 251.04(6)(a)6m.
- DCF 252.41(4)(a)6m.

Certified providers, licensees, employees, and household members of a child care program are not required to document or prove immunization in staff files.

## Monitoring for Compliance

When monitoring a child care center for compliance, a Licensing/Certification Specialist will select a random sampling of child records to review. The sample size is dependent on the capacity of the child care center being monitored.

When monitoring for immunization documentation, a Licensing/Certification Specialist will look for one of the following:

- A completed Child Care Immunization Record form ([DHS-F-44192](#))
- An electronic printout from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry or other registry maintained by a health care provider or the Department of Health Services
- An electronic printout from a medical record database maintained by a physician, such as MyChart
- Written statement from parent objecting to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction

**Note:** Head Start programs must obtain determinations from health care professionals that a child is up to date on immunization recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

