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Dear Parents:

The Houston Department of Health and Human Services would like to involve you in our efforts to improve the health of Houston's children. Currently the immunization rate in Houston is at 65% which is far below the national average. This means that 1 in every 3 children are not age appropriately immunized. We need your help to ensure that your child's shot record is safely stored in a computerized system.

We are asking parents to provide a copy of their child's immunization record (shot record) for entry to the Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry (HHCIR). This registry is a confidential, computerized system that collects children's immunizations.

The benefits of participating are:

- If you lose your child's immunization record, you can receive a copy from the Houston Department of Health and Human Services;
- If your healthcare provider is enrolled in HHCIR, they will have access to your child's immunization record also;
- Access to an accurate, official immunization record for personal, daycare, and school use until your child turns 18 years old;
- Reminder calls when your child's immunizations are due;
- Peace of mind knowing that an electronic copy of the record is available.

Your daycare provider has consent forms available so that you can enroll your child into the Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry. Should you have questions feel free to contact Maureen Moore, Registry Coordinator at 713-794-9262. Let us be the first to congratulate you for making a wise choice to permanently store your child's record in the HHCIR

Sincerely,

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