

## Information for Parents on the Measles Protection Law enforced from 01 March 2020

### For schoolchildren and children in nursery or day-care centre

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the new law for the protection against measles has been enforced. This binds all pupils in day-care or day-care facilities to submit a proof of their measles vaccination status to the school or day-care centre management, or to the day-care person (§ 20 Para. 8 and Para. 9 Sentence 1 of the Infection Protection Act). This proof can be provided by submitting one of the following documents:

1. Vaccination record (immunization card) or a medical certificate showing that there is sufficient protection against measles through vaccination;
2. Medical certificate confirming that immunization protection against measles exists;
3. Medical certificate confirming that vaccination cannot be given for medical reasons (contraindication);
4. Certificate from a state agency or other institution confirming that evidence has already been provided for the child.

It is not mandatory to certify (recognized) documents in non-German languages or documents from which the vaccination status is not clear.

#### Day care centre and child day care:

The following age-related requirements apply to children in nursery or day-care:

- Children who are at least two years old must provide an evidence that they have had at least two measles vaccinations or have sufficient measles immunization. Children who are at least one year old must prove that they have had a measles vaccination or have sufficient measles immunization.
- Children under age one can be admitted without evidence of immunization.

However, the management of the day care centre is obliged to immediately inform the public health office of the district, if children under age two are not sufficiently vaccinated or if a complete vaccination can only be provided later.

The public health office can then call for a consultation and will ask for a completion of the vaccination against measles. A ban of child care can also be imposed with that.

For children that are already in care on 1 March 2020, there is a transitional period until 31 July 2021.

School:

Pupils who should be newly admitted to school from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and onwards must provide the headmaster with a certificate of immunization or regular vaccination or vaccination tolerability (medically proven).

Pupils who are already attending school on 01.03.2020 must submit this evidence by 31.07.2021.

The headmaster must report pupils who do not provide the evidence in due time, to the public health office of the district.

Further information can be obtained from the school, the day care centre management or the child day care staff. In addition, there is substantial information on the measles protection law on the website <https://www.masernschutz.de/>.