

~~(4) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM PROCESS FOR SUSPENDING SCHOOL ENTRY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS WHEN VACCINE SHORTAGES DELAY IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN;~~

~~(5) DEVELOP A COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE EVENT OF A VACCINE SHORTAGE; AND~~

~~(6) CREATE A PLAN FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CAN EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE VACCINATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A BIOTERRORISM EMERGENCY.~~

(1) DETERMINE WHERE COMMUNITY VACCINE SHORTAGES EXIST AND WHICH VACCINES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY;

(2) DEVELOP A RECOMMENDATION FOR A PLAN TO EFFECTUATE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES; AND

(3) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT OTHER RELATED ISSUES AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(I) IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED OF CHILDREN ENTERING SCHOOLS IN TIMES OF VACCINE SHORTAGE;

(II) ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR THE PURCHASING OF VACCINES;

(III) ELIMINATION OF ANY VACCINE DISTRIBUTION DISPARITIES;

(IV) A PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE EVENT OF A VACCINE SHORTAGE;

(V) THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF ADULT AND CHILDHOOD VACCINES; AND

(VI) STRATEGIES TO INCREASE IMMUNIZATIONS AMONG THOSE ADULTS AND CHILDREN RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE IMMUNIZATIONS, INCLUDING CATCH-UP IMMUNIZATIONS.

(I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ~~THE STATUS OF VACCINE SHORTAGES AND IMMUNIZATION RATES IN THE STATE, ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS~~ TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE.

Article - Education

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(a) (1) In cooperation with the State Board and the [Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland] STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the immunizations and blood tests for lead poisoning required of children entering schools.