

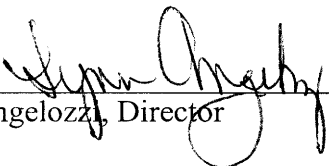
**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
INFLUENZA AND H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY**

POLICY


All children in the custody of Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services shall be vaccinated on an annual basis for influenza, H1N1 influenza, and any other specialized influenza vaccination available for that season.

PROCEDURE

1. For all children in the temporary custody of the agency or in planned permanent living arrangement, the child's caseworker will attempt to secure the consent of the child's parent(s) or former custodian. If the parent's(s) or former custodian's consent cannot be reasonably obtained, the child's caseworker will document attempts to secure it and the reasons for not being able to do so in the running record of the case.
2. Any situation where the parent/former custodian of the child objects to the administration of these vaccinations on the basis of religious and/or spiritual beliefs will be reviewed by the Director in consultation with other appropriate agency staff.
3. If a physician treating any child in the custody of Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services determines that said vaccination poses a threat to the child's health because of that child's particular medical or physical condition, the child, with the express written approval of the Director, will not be vaccinated. If a child is allergic to eggs, a physician who regularly treats the child will give the child a clearance to be vaccinated; otherwise, the child shall not be vaccinated.
4. The Director shall have the final decision regarding any child in the custody of Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services receiving the vaccinations outlined in this policy.
5. It is the responsibility of the foster caregiver, group home, or residential facility where the child is placed to ensure that the child receives the influenza, H1N1 influenza, and any other specialized influenza vaccination available for that season within a reasonable time of the same being available to the public. The vaccinations may be administered by any licensed professional chosen by the foster caregiver, group home, or residential treatment center. In the event that these vaccinations are not available within a reasonable geographic proximity of the child's placement, the foster caregiver, group home, or residential facility will not be required to obtain the same, and the child will not be vaccinated. In that event, the case manager shall document the same in the child's record.



Lynn Angelozza, Director



Effective Date