

Health Inventory Policy

Cheder Chabad of Baltimore is a licensed childcare facility ages 6 weeks-13 yrs. We are required by the Office of Childcare through MSDE to ensure that **all children in our program are up to date in immunizations and in good health.**

As stated in Comar regulations:

Health Assessment:

A health assessment of the child shall be provided by the child's parent that:

- (1) Includes a parental statement of the child's health status;
- (2) If applicable, includes a statement of allergies; and
- (3) Includes a medical evaluation, signed and dated by a physician, that states the child is medically cleared to attend child care and is based on an examination completed by the physician within the last:
 - (a) 2 months before admission for a child younger than 9 months old;
 - (b) 3 months before admission for a child between 9 and 24 months old; or
 - (c) 12 months before admission for a child 2 years old or older.

Lead Screening:

- (1) An appropriate lead screening, if the child is younger than 6 years old and was born before January 1, 2015; or
- (2) A lead test when the child is 12 months old and again when the child is 24 months old, regardless of where the child resides, if the child was born on or after January 1, 2015.

Immunizations:

- (1) The child has had immunizations appropriate for the child's age which meet the immunization guidelines set by the Maryland Department of Health;
- (2) The child has had at least one dose of each vaccine appropriate for the child's age before entry and is scheduled to complete the required immunizations
- (3) A licensed physician or a health officer has determined that immunization is medically contraindicated according to accepted medical standards

Based on the above regulations, Cheder requires a Maryland health inventory that includes the lead screening results and an immunization record to be submitted before the child may begin joining our program.

The following policies are based on instructions received from the OCC and Cheder's medical consultants.

What do I do if I am moving to Maryland and do not have a doctor in Maryland yet?

We are required to have specifically the Maryland Health Inventory. Any doctor (even those out of state) can fill it out. You can send the Maryland Health Inventory to your child's current pediatrician to fill it out.

What do I do if my child's doctor will not fill out the forms without a visit and it can't be scheduled before August 1st?

If a child is unable to have a well visit before August 1st and therefore the pediatrician will not fill out the health inventory,

The following must still be submitted by August 1st for *new* children:

- A record of your child's up to date vaccinations
- Part 1 of the Health Inventory
- A letter from a doctor stating the date of the child's well visit appointment, when the health inventory form will be completed, and that the child is well enough to be in care.

For *returning* children:

- If the child is between the age of 12 and 24 months, an updated vaccine record and a lead test are required
- If the child is over the age of two, the lead testing certificate form is required and an updated vaccine record if the child was required to receive any vaccines during the past year.

What if my child hasn't had a lead test?

If a child has not had a lead test once they turned 2, the child may be admitted into care on a temporary acceptance for up to 20 days. In order for your child to remain in care, a lead test result must be submitted within 20 days of beginning care at Cheder.

What if my child is missing their lead test over the age of two but has the one year old lead test?

If a child has not had a second lead test once they turned two, the child may be admitted into care on a temporary acceptance for up to 20 days. In order for your child to remain in care, lead test results must be submitted within 20 days of beginning care at Cheder.