MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Charles County Council
FROM: Drew Heffner
RE: ShowMeVax
DATE: May 22, 2020

This Ordinance will authorize the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to electrically transfer and share immunization and vaccination records with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services via the Missouri Immunization Data Repository, better known as “ShowMeVax.”

The Department of Public Health currently utilizes ShowMeVax on a regular basis within the following Health Services Division Programs: Immunizations, WIC, and the Health Services Clinic. ShowMeVax allows electronic access of client immunization history to assess immunizations due at the point of contact. Furthermore, the Immunization Program electronically inputs vaccine information as vaccines are administered and utilizes ShowMeVax for Inventory Management of in stock vaccines. ShowMeVax allows for the integrity of immunization data and safeguarding of individual’s electronic health records.

This ordinance would allow the Health Services Division to continue these practices in a cost-efficient manner and allow for the continued coordination of care between our department, other health care providers, schools and childcare organizations who utilize this centralized resource for tracking individual’s immunization history and status. This ordinance and MOU are required as the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is moving ShowMeVax to a new platform. This new platform that will ensure better system performance and greater connectability with the Department of Public Health’s existing electronic medical records.