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## Asked and Answered: Rebecca Davies on Employers and Vaccinations

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Diseases like measles and pertussis (also known as whooping cough), once nearly eradicated, are flaring up in many states including Michigan. A new state policy in effect at the beginning of the year mandates that families who don't want to immunize their children can no longer get a waiver simply by mailing in a form. The modified rule requires non-medical exemptions to be certified by the local health department, which allows health workers to provide education on the safety of immunizations and potential consequences of going without them. Rebecca S. Davies is a shareholder based in Butzel Long's Detroit office. Davies concentrates her practice primarily in the areas of employment law and commercial litigation. She has represented employers in both the private and public sectors for almost twenty years and regularly defends cases in federal and state court and before federal and state administrative agencies.

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