

Questions and Answers from April 30, 2015 School Immunization Requirements Webinar for Clinic Staff

Q: Why does the [Vaccines Required chart](#) say on or after 11 years of age on the front, but includes ages 7-10 on the back?

A: Tdap is required for kids in 6th-12th grade AND if they are 11 years of age or older. The school requirement is specific for students who are 11 and older. We want to make sure school staff understand the Tdap requirement. On the second page, we provide the minimum age and interval requirements, as well as some of the more common rules and exceptions to the rules. If a student is 7-10 years of age, they can get Tdap vaccine for catch-up if they haven't completed the DTaP series. This follows the national recommendations, but isn't specific in the school requirements laws.

Q: If Tdap is only licensed for age 10 and up, what Tdap should we use for an 8 year old?

A: Even though Tdap is licensed for 10 and up, clinicians can give Tdap off-label to an 8 year old if needed to catch-up a child who was not completely vaccinated with DTaP vaccines. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updated their recommendations: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6001a4.htm

Q: Does this Webinar count as a CME for Medical Assistants (MAs)? If so, how would you go through the process to submit?

A: Unfortunately, we are not making continuing education credits available for MAs or nurses. We

Q: At what interval would the 2 Td vaccines be given following a Tdap if no DTaP was given?

A: If a child had no DTaP doses when they were less than 7 years of age, then a Tdap should be given, followed by 2 Td vaccines.

- Interval between Tdap and Td must be 4 weeks or more.
- Interval between Td and Td must be 6 months or more.

Q: What about preschool aged children? In the community that I live in, 3 year old and 4 year old preschoolers ride the bus and attend school with the K-5 and 6th graders.

A: Children attending preschool are required to get certain vaccines. Here's a chart showing the requirements: www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-053-ChildCareChart2015-2016.pdf

Q: would a history of Guillian Barre Syndrome (GBS) be a medical exemption to any vaccines

A: GBS is a precaution for flu vaccine, and diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccines. Providers can decide whether this should be considered a medical exemption for a specific patient. Here is the list of contraindications and precautions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3072a.pdf

Q: Do you recommend that schools have families with an existing personal exemption have them sign a new exemption form so the parent will be clearly notified and reminded of the possibility of school exclusion?

A: The law doesn't currently require parents to renew exemption forms. We have discussed this possibility but the current law requires only one exemption form for the student, unless the form needs to be updated.

Q: Does 4 day grace period apply to minimum interval for Hep A vaccine?

A: Yes, a 4 day grace period applies for hep A vaccine.

Q: Does a student need additional IPV if they only had one at age 18y.o?

A: No, IPV is not routinely recommended for 18 years and older. However, if a student who is over 18 years of age is still attending school, this student must meet the requirements for the grade he is in, including at least 3 doses of IPV vaccine, with at least one after the age of 4.

Q: Multiple people are taking the course. How do we get credit when only one person log in?

A: We aren't offering CEUs for this webinar, but each person can download a certificate of completion here: www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/April30WebinarAnnouncement.pdf

Q: We were always told the 4 day grace period for live vaccines isn't valid but you say it is. Please explain.

A: 4-day grace period **DOES** apply between doses of the same live vaccine such as Varicella and Varicella. The 4-day grace period **DOES NOT** apply between Dose 1 and Dose 2 of different live vaccines if not given on the same day, such as between MMR and Varicella.

Q: Are there any resources for assisting us in the actual administration of vaccinations (in terms of techniques for our MAs who aren't used to peds patients)

A: The Immunization Action Coalition has great resources, including an immunization techniques DVD. You can access these resources here: www.immunize.org/clinic/administering-vaccines.asp

Q: If I copy the Child Profile print out is this acceptable for school?

A: Yes, the Certificate of Immunization Status printed from Child Profile is very helpful for parents to just sign and is acceptable for school.

Q: If it's not recommended (Tdap) do you have to provide documentation to why you gave this vaccine. Since it is off label?

A: If there's a clinical indication for Tdap for a child 7 years of age or older, providers can give this vaccine, even if it's off label. Follow the ACIP recommendations:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf

Q: When is the Td given, 10 years or are more than one required like DTaP?

A: After a student gets the full series of DTaP vaccines and then Tdap at age 11-12 years, then Td is recommended every 10 years.

Q: Do you foresee that the meningococcal vaccine will eventually be a school requirement?

A: At this time, there are no discussions by the State Board of Health that WA will make this a school requirement. We don't know about future possibilities.

Q: What was that link you mentioned for immunenurses for specific exemption questions?

A: You can send an email to immunenurses@doh.wa.gov if you have questions about compliance or exemption questions.

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