

DTaP, DT, Td and Tdap – K-12 Requirements



In January, an error in the Vaccine Required Chart for K-12 was found. This chart identifies which immunizations are required by grade. The chart did not clearly show the requirements for DTaP, DT and Td vaccines. The guidance only showed the “catch-up” schedule for the DTaP, DT and Td vaccines.

Health care providers usually follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) instead of the Vaccines Required Chart. In addition, the National Immunization Survey indicates that 83% of 2 year olds in Washington State have 4 doses of DTaP. About 80% of children with 3 doses of DTaP are protected from diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Allowing schools the time they need to review records will not create a high-risk situation.

The Vaccines Required Chart has been updated and we are working to prevent future errors. We are also preparing documents to help schools work to assure that children are in

compliance. One of these documents is a details about DTaP, DT, Td and Tdap including catch-up and exception rules.

The State of Washington law follows the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This law requires 5 doses of DTaP/DT for the primary series unless the child is on a catch-up schedule – the child may only need 3 or 4 doses of DTaP/DT/Td. Some older children may need only 3 doses of Td depending on the grade the child is in and the age when the child received the previous doses.

Changes to school requirements are about a year and a half behind the current ACIP guidelines. Washington State law currently follows the 2008 ACIP recommendations. This provides time for the State Board of Health to adopt changes and allows time to communicate with schools, parents and health care providers about the change.

At the start of the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board of Health asks schools to review student records to make sure children are up-to-date.

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IPV School Requirements

In August 2009, the ACIP made changes in the recommendations for IPV. School requirements for IPV will not change until the 2011-2012 school year.

Students are required to have 4 doses of IPV. It is recommended that the 4th dose be given between 4-6 years of age; if the 4th dose is given before age 4, the dose can be counted as a valid dose for school requirements as long as the minimum age and space

between vaccines is followed. It is important for school staff to be aware of the change since the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry is following the ACIP recommendations when identifying children that need IPV. For schools using CHILD Profile to review records, the registry may identify a student as needing an IPV when the student is not out of compliance. The IPCP will be working on this transition over the summer months to prepare for the 2011-2012 school year.

For more information on the IPV recommendations from the ACIP go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5830a3.htm>



Tdap Implementation Plan Roll-Up



The requirement for Tdap vaccination moves up a grade for 2010-2011 school year. Students in 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade that are 11 years or older, must show documentation of a Tdap vaccine if it has been 5 years or more since a previous Td vaccine. If a student is 10 years old when entering 6th grade, the student is not required to have a Tdap until the 11th birth date. To review the Tdap Implementation Plan, go to:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/documents/tdapimplementplan.pdf>

Varicella Implementation Plan Roll-Up

Since 2006, Washington State law requires children in certified child cares and preschools to show proof of immunity to varicella disease according to the varicella Implementation Plan. The requirement for varicella vaccination moves up a grade in 2010-2011. Students in Kindergarten, first and second grade will require 2 doses of varicella or documentation of chickenpox disease by a health care provider. Students in third, fourth and sixth grade will require one dose of varicella or documentation of chickenpox by the parent. To review the varicella Implementation Plan, go to: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/documents/varimplementplan.pdf>



School Implementation and Exemption Monitoring Project Update

The Washington State Department of Health continues work on the School Immunization and Exemption Monitoring Project grant awarded from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through ARRA.



This project is a pilot that includes sixteen public schools to identify and make changes in the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry School Nurse Reporting module so schools can electronically submit required immunization reports. A second part of the project

is to conduct data validation comparing parent-reported immunizations from the CIS forms with validated immunization records in the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry. Eventually, the School Nurse Reporting module will replace the IMMENU database that is currently used to submit the annual Child Care and School Immunization Reports.

New Vaccine for Pneumococcal Disease

Certified child cares and preschool staff may notice a new vaccine on the Certificate of Immunization Status Forms.



There are now two vaccines developed for protection against pneumococcal disease, PCV7 and PCV13. The difference in PCV7 and PCV13 is that PCV7 provides protection from 7 strains of pneumococcal disease and PCV13 provides protection to 6 additional strains.

The requirements for certified child cares and preschools will not change. If a child has both PCV7 and PCV13 vaccines, continue to use the PCV7 schedule to determine if a child is in compliance for the PCV vaccine. For more information on PCV13 go to:

<http://cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5909a2.htm>

Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine



Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (MMRV) vaccine is available for use through the Washington State Children's Vaccine Program. Parents should document MMR and Varicella separately on the CIS form since there is not a specific place to document MMRV. The schedule for MMRV is the same as for separate doses of MMR and Varicella vaccines. For more information about MMRV go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5710a3.htm>

School, Preschool and Child Care Immunization Manual Review



Review of the School, Preschool and Child Care Immunization Manual will be done

over the summer. If you have any suggestions for changes, additions or improvements, please let us know. We want to make this a useful tool for schools, preschools and child care facilities. To review the manual, go to: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/documents/schoolmanual09.pdf>

Vaccine Required Charts for 2010-2011

Most of you have discovered that the



**2010-2011
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and Preschools have been re-designed. We have had many suggestions regarding the new format. We are considering revising the forms based on comments and suggestions from school nurses and support staff. We appreciate your input. Our goal is to make this tool useful and easy to understand. At the same time, the tool needs to contain all of the exceptions and other rules that apply to school required immunizations. The current vaccine required charts can be found at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/vaccine.htm>

Newsletter Articles

We plan to send a quarterly newsletter using the Listserv®. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

Certificate of Immunization (CIS) and Certificate of Exemption (COE)

The Certificate of Immunization (CIS) has been revised. The CIS form is no longer available for order through the Washington State Fulfillment Center for public school districts and private schools. The CIS forms will be sent to the public school districts and private schools based on 10% of student enrollment. The Department of Early Learning (DEL) and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) will receive a specified amount through their regional coordinators. The CIS forms have been delayed getting to the schools this year because of proposed legislative changes and the possibility of having to make a last minute revision. CIS forms should be received by mid-June. We want to encourage schools to use up old CIS forms and remind school staff that there is no need to transfer existing student records to the new CIS form. CIS forms in other languages are also being translated and these should be available in the next 2-3 weeks on our website.

The Certificate of Exemption (COE) COE is a separate form from the CIS form. There have been no changes in the COE form. We have received many questions regarding whether a health care provider needs to sign the COE for religious or philosophical exemptions. A health care provider must sign the COE ONLY if there is a medical exemption. A health care provider needs to sign the CIS only if the student needs documentation of disease, such as chickenpox. Download copies of the CIS and COE in any of the 21 languages at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/forms/default.htm>.

School Immunization Rates and Exemption Reports

We are pleased to note that the State of Washington has shown a decrease in the percentage of school immunization exemptions. The statewide exemption rate 10 years ago was under 5%. This rate has increased over the past several years to a high of 7.6% in the 2008-2009 school year. It has decreased to 6.2% for the 2009-2010 school year. We want to thank all of the school nurses and support staff for doing such a great job in encouraging immunizations to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. For a school and child care immunization and exemption rates, go to:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/reportdataintro.htm>

“Ask a Nurse” E:Mail

The Immunization Program CHILD Profile as an “Ask a Nurse” email that can be used by school staff, parents, health care providers or the public. This is an easy way to ask questions about school requirements and other immunization information. A reply to the email will be made in one to three business days by one of our Public Health Nurse Consultants.

Email Address:

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School and Child Care Listserv®

The Immunization Program CHILD Profile (IPCP) has a Listserv® for Schools and Child Care programs. The Listserv is IPCP's main tool for updating school nurses, school office staff, health room assistants, child care providers and staff. **Register today** at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?LOGON>