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2008 Annual Status Report and Validation Survey

The 2008 Annual Immunization Status Report for schools, child care centers and preschools will not be included in the report to CDC if it is not received by **December 31, 2008**. If your school or preschool/child care facility report has not been submitted, please submit it immediately. For the status report form and instructions, visit www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/default.htm.

If you have QUESTIONS about your Status Report, please contact:

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In addition, the Department of Health is required to complete a **validation survey** of status reports this school year. CDC will identify a random sample of schools to be reviewed. Please stay tuned for more information as methodology is finalized.

Changes in WA Immunization Law (WAC)

The School and Child Care WAC (formerly WAC 246-100-166) has been divided into 9 sections and assigned new numbers. It is now Chapter 246-105 Sections 010 to 090. The entire WAC can be found online at www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools. As of July 1, 2009, WAC 246-105-040 will reference the 2008 Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents. The schedule and a summary of changes to Washington's Immunization law can be found online at: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/default.htm.

NEW Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS), official 1/1/09!

A revised CIS is now finalized and will be official for use on 1/1/09 (copy attached). Do not modify the CIS. WAC 246-105-020 requires that the CIS be approved by DOH, so **ONLY ONE** official CIS is valid (**the old version can still be used until you run out**). The revised CIS **MUST** still have a parent/guardian signature to be valid. It will be translated into 20 languages. To decrease costs, please note the following:



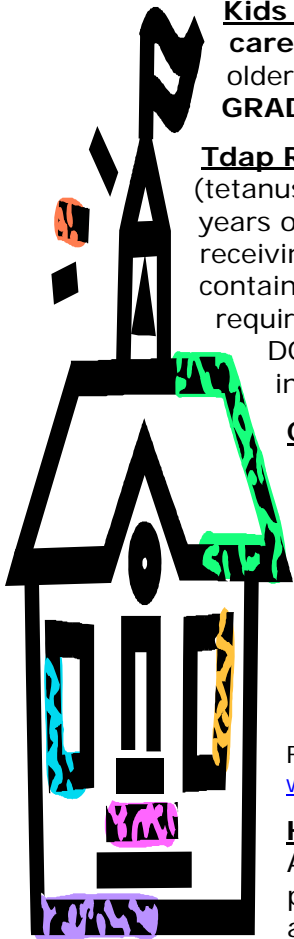
- **Use the new CIS only for new students.**
- Copies of the CIS will be mailed directly to each school district based on a percentage of the district's enrollment.
- Use legible copies of the CIS. Download at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/forms/default.htm>.
 - Schools/child cares may make copies to distribute to parents.
 - Schools/child cares may print a CIS from the DOH Web site (see address above).
 - Parents may print a CIS from the DOH Web site (see address above) to complete by hand.
- Print directly from the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry (CPIR): Health care providers or schools may print an automatically-populated CIS from the CPIR.

NEW Certificate of Exemption (COE), official 1/1/09!

The revised WAC defines a COE as a separate form which must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian or by a health care provider in the case of a medical exemption (copy attached). Therefore, the new COE, official for use on 1/1/09, is its own document (no longer on the backside of the CIS). Schools, preschools and child care facilities are required to "keep a list of children whose immunization status is exempt and transmit the list to the local health department upon request" (WAC 246-105-060 (2) b). A separate COE folder will provide local health with immediate information during a disease outbreak and will assist in completing the annual status report. In addition, parents or guardians must ask for a separate form, which may result in reduced "convenience" exemptions. Download copies at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/forms/default.htm>. It will be translated into 20 languages.



Changes in School Requirements for 2009-2010



Kids in Care: All school-aged children attending before-or after-school child care must meet the immunization requirements for their grade in school. Students older than 18 years need to meet the same immunization requirements for their **GRADE** in school.

Tdap Requirement Advances One Grade: As of July 1, 2009, proof of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccination is required of children who are 11 years old **AND attending 6th, 7th and 8th grades**, **IF** it has been five years since receiving a DTaP, DT or Td vaccine. If the student is in compliance for a tetanus-containing vaccination at school admission, the Department of Health (DOH) does not require schools to monitor students throughout the school year for Tdap. However, DOH encourages schools, within existing resources, to track students that have incomplete immunizations.

Changes in Varicella Requirement: As of July 1, 2008, proof of immunity to chickenpox is required of the following groups.

- **All children 16 months of age up to Kindergarten entry** who are in child care/preschool. These kids need 1 dose vaccine; parental documentation of disease **NO LONGER** acceptable.
- **All children attending Kindergarten and 1st grade.** These kids need **2 doses** of vaccine; parental documentation of disease **NO LONGER** acceptable.
- **All children in 2nd, 3rd & 6th grade.** These children need 1 dose; parental documentation of disease **IS ACCEPTABLE**.

For a copy of the implementation plan, visit:

www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/documents/varimplementplan.pdf

Hep B Requirement for ALL Grades!

As of July 1, 2008, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine administered properly by age and interval are required for all students attending **Kindergarten through 12th grade**.



Changes in Preschool/Child Care Requirements for 2009-2010

As of July 1, 2009, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) will be required for all children 3 months old up to the 5th birthday who are attending child care or preschool programs. Please find an implementation plan for the pneumococcal vaccine enclosed in this mailing. It is also posted online at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/vaccine.htm>

Required Notification Letters

Schools are required (RCW 28A.210.080) to send parental notification letters for meningococcal and human papillomavirus (HPV) to all students Grades 6 through 12 each year. To help schools with these requirements, sample letters can be used. Find them by visiting DOH's Web site at: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/default.htm

Exclusion Policy (for full text of WAC, see <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>)



Per WAC 246-105-080 and WAC 246-101-420, students can be excluded from school, preschools and child cares for the following reasons: 1) Immunizations provided are not complete for requirements; 2) Student does not have a completed and signed CIS, or 3) Student is not immunized and an exposure of disease occurs. Schools must notify their local health department of cases and suspected cases of reportable diseases.

Documentation of Immunity by Blood Test (titer)

WAC 246-105-050 (1)(f) includes the acceptance of serologic proof of immunity (blood test/titer) to all vaccine-preventable diseases. The CIS documentation of immunity must be signed by a licensed health care provider, include a copy of the lab report, and indicate **'positive'** immunity.

For varicella only, provider diagnosis or verification of disease history in the form of either a CHILD Profile-generated CIS form or a signed note from a health care provider is required.