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### REMINDER - School and Child Care Immunization Listserv!

The Immunization Program CHILD Profile (IPCP) has a Listserv that sends immunization information to schools and child cares! The Listserv will be IPCP's main tool for updating school nurses, school office staff, health room assistants, child care providers and staff. All you need is a valid email address. The Listserv is a one-way communication tool and cannot be used to post questions or comments.

**The Listserv WILL REPLACE** the fall and winter mailings. Quarterly Updates, like this one, will be sent through the listserv. Other immunization information will be sent through the listserv as needed. The Quarterly Updates will be sent in January, April, July and October of each year.

#### Stay Updated with the Listserv!

Get information about:

- Immunization updates and news.
- New vaccine requirements for school and child care.
- Links to important documents.
- Yearly Immunization Status Reports and instructions for schools and child cares.
- Vaccine shortage information and more!

**Register today** with your valid email at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?LOGON>. Several people at the same site can sign up to receive the Listserv email communications.

### 2010 - 2011 Vaccines Required for Child Care/Preschool and School Attendance



The **2010–2011 Vaccines Required for Child Care/Preschool and School Attendance** will be the same as they are for

the current 2009 – 2010 school year. The only change is for varicella in school-aged children.

IPCP has updated the Vaccines Required charts. The current requirements can be found at:

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

IPCP will also create a vaccine schedule for school personnel to reference when looking at a student's immunization information. This will help to decide if a student's immunizations are valid. This reference sheet will be put on the back of the Vaccines Required charts and sent in the April Update.

### Vaccine Requirement Reminders

## Some important reminders:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Vaccine requirements for schools are based on grade and age. If the child's age doesn't meet the minimum age required for a vaccine, then the child will be considered "Conditional" until they meet the minimum age requirement.
- ✓ Children who do not attend your school but do participate in school programs must fill out a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form.
- ✓ Vaccine requirements can be confusing. The IPCP has a website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/schools/vaccine.htm> provides useful information to help school personnel.

## Immunization Manual for Schools, Preschools and Child Care Facilities

The Immunization Manual for Schools, Preschools and Child Care Facilities is available online at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/documents/schoolmanual09.pdf>.

This is a great resource for school personnel. It includes information on immunization requirements, reporting responsibilities, and the laws that guide school immunizations.

The manual also has information on students in special circumstances, such as alternative school programs, homeless students, summer school, virtual school, transfer students and much, much more. According to state law (Washington Administrative Code), schools,



preschools, and child care facilities must send parents or guardians information on incomplete immunization for their child.

Also, for all children entering grades 6 – 12, schools must send parents or guardians information on Meningococcal Disease and Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The Immunization Manual for Schools, Preschools and Child Care Facilities contains sample letters for all of these requirements.

## Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)

The **2009–2010 CIS** was mailed last year to all school districts, Head Start/ECEAP programs, and child care licensors. Please contact your school district for more forms or download the CIS at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/forms/default.htm>.

The **2010–2011 CIS** forms will be mailed and available on-line in mid-spring 2010. The new CIS forms will be mailed to school districts to send to their schools. The forms will also be mailed to Head Start/ECEAP programs and child care licensors.

## Remember the following about the CIS:

- Do not modify the CIS
- Use the old version until you run out
- The CIS **MUST** have a parent/guardian signature
- The CIS has been translated into 20 languages:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/forms/default.htm>

- Use the CIS only for new students
- Print directly from the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry (CPIR)\*

\* Health care providers and schools may print an automatically-populated CIS from the registry.

- Use legible copies of the CIS
- Encourage parents to print and fill out their own copy:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/forms/default.htm>

## Certificate of Exemption (COE)

The COE is a separate form from the CIS form. For religious or philosophical exemptions, the child's parent or guardian must complete and sign the COE. For a medical exemption, a licensed health care provider AND the parent / guardian must sign the COE. Schools, preschools, and child care facilities must "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). If this information is kept

in a separate folder with students' completed COE forms, you will be able to provide local health with immediate information during a disease outbreak. It will also help you when completing the annual status report. Because parents or guardians must request a separate document for an exemption, we may see fewer "convenience" exemptions. Download copies in any of the 21 languages at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/forms/default.htm>.

## American Reinvestment and Recovery Act – Update

The Washington State Department of Health was awarded a grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through ARRA. The grant supports several projects, including a project to improve monitoring of school immunization requirements and exemptions. The project, called the School Immunization and Exemption Monitoring project, lasts until December 2011.

This project has two main goals. First, to make necessary changes to the CHILD

Profile Immunization Registry School Nurse Reporting module so schools can electronically submit required immunization reports. Second, to develop a process to validate immunization data that parents report to schools. The Immunization Program CHILD Profile is working with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Washington State School Nurse Corp, the School Nurse Organization of Washington, and school nurses and staff for this project.

## 2010 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Control (CDC) released the 2010 immunization schedule. It can be accessed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm>.

Please remember that vaccine requirements for school entry (both the 2009-2010 and 2010 -2011 school years) are based on the 2008 immunization schedule and can be accessed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5701a8.htm>.