



VARICELLA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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WAC 246-100-166 requires all children ages 12 years and younger to show proof of immunity from varicella disease prior to school or licensed child care entrance. This new requirement will be implemented incrementally over a six year period. The following plan outlines the implementation process for varicella.

Initial Implementation

Child Care/Preschool Entry:

As of July 1, 2006, children 19 months of age up to Kindergarten entry attending licensed child care or preschools are required to show proof of immunity from varicella disease. Documentation on the CIS (Certificate of Immunization Status) form must include one of the following:

- Age-appropriate varicella vaccination
 - Date (day, month & year) of varicella vaccine administered on or after 1st birthday
- Parental documentation of history of varicella disease
 - Yes/No is required
 - Documentation of approximate age of disease is recommended
 - If parent is unsure, refer child for immunization
- Serologic proof of immunity against varicella
 - Document date of positive varicella blood test
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious, or personal reason

School-age children in before and after-school child care need to meet the immunization requirements for their grade in school.

School Entry:

As of July 1, 2006, children attending Kindergarten and 6th grade are required to show proof of immunity from varicella disease. Documentation on the CIS (Certificate of Immunization Status) form must include one of the following:

- Age-appropriate varicella vaccine
 - Date (day, month & year) of varicella vaccine administered on or after 1st birthday
- Parental documentation of history of varicella disease
 - Yes/No is required
 - Documentation of approximate age of disease is recommended
 - If parent is unsure, refer child for immunization
- Serologic proof of immunity against varicella
 - Document date of positive varicella blood test
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious, or personal reason

Incremental Implementation

The school entry requirement to show proof of immunity to varicella disease will expand from Kindergarten **and** 6th grade the first year of implementation (2006-2007 school year) to Kindergarten **through** 6th grade by the sixth year of implementation (2011-2012 school year). The following table illustrates the incremental progress for varicella implementation:

SY 2006-2007 – K & 6

SY 2007-2008 – K, 1 & 6

SY 2008-2009 – K, 1, 2, & 6

SY 2009-2010 – K, 1, 2, 3, & 6

SY 2010-2011 – K, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6

SY 2011-2012 – K through 6th

The Department of Health encourages schools, within existing resources, to include children in older age groups and grades beyond those identified in this implementation plan beginning with 5th grade and working down through the lower grades.