

# Immunizations and You

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) and Provider  
Supports Subcommittee of ELAC Special Meeting

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# Overview

- Present the changes in the State Board of Health rules going into effect on 8/1/2020
- Our ask of you:
  - Any needed clarifications for you to be able to implement this information and also help spread this information to others
  - Ideas for communication strategies with providers
  - What can DCYF and DOH do to help you with easier implementation of this and other changes to health policies?



# Immunization Policy

- Immunizations/vaccinations are governed by the State Board of Health through RCW (Revised Code of Washington) and WAC (Washington Administrative Code)
  - RCW 28A.210.140 gives the authority to make and adopt rules
    - 28A.210.060, 070, 080, 090, 100, 110, 120, 130 spell out the rules to be followed in procedure (WAC)
  - WAC 246-105: spells out how these regulations should be implemented by the WA State Department of Health (Immunization of Child Care and School Children Against Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases)

# State Board of Health rule changes to WAC 246-105

- These rules apply to all public and private schools and licensed child care centers in Washington State, including Head Start and ECEAP providers.
- The following rule changes take effect August 1, 2020.



# Effective August 1, 2020

- Requires medically verified immunization records for school and child care entry.
- Clarifies conditional status in regards to school and child care immunization requirements and implementation.
- Requires a new Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) each year to re-certify the child's immunization records.
- Under the new regulations, children may begin school or child care only if they received all of the required immunizations they are eligible to receive and submitted **medically verifiable records** on or before the first day of attendance. Children without immunization paperwork should not start services in ECEAP classrooms until the required paperwork is turned in. These children are not considered in **conditional status**.



# Conditional Status

- Children who are actively catching up on their vaccine requirements can start and remain in school with a **Conditional Immunization Status** if they have received all of the required immunizations they are eligible to receive and submitted medically verified records on or before the first day of attendance.
- If additional doses are due:
  - Conditional status continues until all required immunizations are complete.
  - Children have 30 calendar days to turn in updated records showing they received the missing dose.
  - If the 30 days expire without updated records, the child must be excluded from classroom attendance and placed on an alternative attendance plan until the child receives the missing dose and submitted medically verified records.

# Annual CIS Forms

- Parents or guardians must submit a new medically verified Certificate of Immunization Status form showing their child's immunization status each year to re-certify immunization records with the school and/or child care center.
- Providers can help families be ready for the beginning of the school year by:
  - Encouraging families to enroll in MyIR, Washington's online immunization information system.
  - Working with families to obtain a copy of immunization records from the child's primary care physician at enrollment.
  - Enroll in School Module in the Washington State Immunization Information System to be able to print medically verified records for the children enrolled in a program.



# Medically Verified Records

- The revised rule requires medically verified immunization records for school and child care entry. A medically verified record includes one or more of the following:
  - A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System (IIS)
  - A physical copy of the CIS form with a healthcare provider signature
  - A physical copy of the CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by the child care administrator or a child care nurse consultant or their designee.
  - A CIS printed from the Parent Portal of the Washington State Immunization Information System, MyIR



# Our Ask

- What do you need from me today to help you implement these changes in your early learning locations?
- What would you need to be able to help someone else understand these changes?
- What could we do to help providers learn about these changes?
- What can DCYF and DOH do to help you with easier implementation of this and other changes to health policies?
- Survey

# Thank you!

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