

Foundational Quality Standards for Early Learning Programs Covered in this Learning Session

WAC 110-300-0210

Immunizations and exempt children.

- (1) Before attending an early learning program, a child must be vaccinated against or show proof of acquired immunity for the vaccine-preventable disease, pursuant to chapter [246-105](#) WAC, as now and hereafter amended. An early learning provider may accept children without proof of vaccinations or immunity as otherwise indicated in this section.
- (2) An early learning provider must receive for each enrolled child:
 - (a) A current and complete department of health certificate of immunization status (CIS) or certificate of exemption (COE) or other department of health approved form, pursuant to WAC [246-105-050](#), as now and hereafter amended; or
 - (b) A current immunization record from the Washington state immunization information system (WA IIS).
- (3) To accept a child who is not current with their immunizations, an early learning provider must give written notice to that child's parent or guardian stating the child may be accepted if the immunizations are completed consistent with chapter [246-105](#) WAC and:
 - (a) Prior to enrollment the parent or guardian provides written proof the child is scheduled to be immunized; or
 - (b) The parent or guardian provides a signed and dated statement detailing when the child's immunizations will be brought up to date.
- (4) An early learning provider must maintain and update each child's records relating to immunizations or exemptions, or plans to bring immunizations current. These records must be available in the licensed space or easily accessible for review by department licensors, health specialists, and health consultants.
- (5) An early learning provider may accept homeless or foster children into care without the records listed in this section if the child's family, case worker, or health care provider offers written proof that he or she is in the process of obtaining the child's immunization records.
- (6) An early learning provider shall exclude a child from care according to the criteria listed in WAC [246-105-080](#).
- (7) If an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease occurs within an early learning program, an early learning provider must notify the parents or guardians of children exempt from immunization for that disease and children without vaccination documents. A provider may exclude the child from the child care premises for the duration of the outbreak of that vaccine-preventable disease.

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(8) An early learning provider may have a written policy stating children exempted from immunization by their parent or guardian will not be accepted into care unless that exemption is due to an illness protected by the ADA or WLAD or by a completed and signed COE.