

## Student Immunization ~~a~~And Life--Threatening Health Conditions

### ~~Certificate of Immunization~~ Required Immunization Documentation

Immediately upon enrollment in the district, the student's parent or legal /guardian must provide proof of the required immunization-immunizations as specified by the Washington Department of Health status with a completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form approved by the Department of Health, approved by the Washington Department of Health and/or an exemption with a completed Certificate of Exemption (COE) form approved by the Washington Department of Health. The student cannot start attending school until the completed CIS and/or COE is on file at the school or the Conditional Immunization Status conditions have been met. Students experiencing homelessness, including migratory and refugee children and children in out-of-home (foster) care, who have not provided the required documentation will be allowed to enroll, attend classes, and participate fully, despite being out of compliance with immunization requirements.

The CIS and/or COE will be a part of the student's permanent record. The district will provide access to immunization records of each student enrolled to agents of the state or local health department. The district will return the CIS and/or COE or a legible copy to the parent or legal guardian if the child is withdrawn or transferred from the district. The district may not withhold the CIS and/or COE for any reasons, including nonpayment of school fees.

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Language if the district is actively using the IIS School Module:

School staff may verify that the student's immunizations are complete in the WA Immunization Information System (IIS), in this situation a CIS is not required to be on file. School staff will document this verification in the student's cumulative school record. If the immunizations are not complete in the IIS the immunization status of students must be documented on a completed CIS form.

Language if the district is not actively using the IIS School Module:

The immunization status of all students must be documented on a completed CIS form.

All immunization information documented on a CIS by new enrollees starting school on or after August 1, 2020 must be medically verified. A CIS printed from the Washington Immunization Information System (IIS) with immunization information prepopulated is considered medically verified by the IIS. A hardcopy CIS completed by the parent or legal guardian must be verified as accurate by either a health care provider signature or by a school administrator, school nurse or designee's signature after verifying that the information on the CIS is accurate when compared to medical immunization records attached to the CIS.

For currently enrolled students all new immunization documentation submitted on or after August 1, 2020 must be on a medical immunization record. School staff may use the information on the medical immunization record to update the student's existing CIS on file. (add the following language if the district is using the IIS School Module: A district school nurse or their delegate, with parent or legal guardian permission, may use the information on the medical immunization record to update the student's immunization information in the IIS.)

### **Conditional Immunization Status Attendance**

~~If, by the student's first day of attendance enrollment, a student does not have the required immunizations documentation, the student's parent/guardian may submit evidence of having initiated an "catch-up" immunization schedule, which will provide the student with "conditional admittance" status. This means the child has received all immunizations he / she is eligible to receive and is waiting for the recommended date of the next dose according to the national immunization catch-up schedule. Students may attend under conditional status for a limited time plus another . Within thirty (30) calendar days' time to turn in documentation of vaccination of the student's first day of attendance, the parent/guardian must provide any missing immunization(s) and/or provide documentation needed to complete the CIS. If a student is catching up on multiple vaccines, needs additional doses to complete a vaccine series, he/she will remain in conditional admittance status continues in a similar manner until all of the required vaccines are complete for a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days after the next dose is due until the series is complete. If the thirty (30) day conditional period expires and documentation nhas not been given to the school, then Failure to submit documentation within these timelines will be sufficient cause to exclude the student will be excluded from school.~~

~~If by a student's first day of attendance the student does not have documentation of all of the required immunizations the student may be permitted to start school in a temporary "conditional immunization status" provided that the student has received all of the immunizations that he/she is eligible to receive and is waiting for the recommended date of the next vaccine dose according to the national immunization catch-up schedule. The parent or legal guardian must sign the CIS acknowledging the conditional status rules and times lines that follow. Once the next dose comes due the student can remain in conditional status for thirty (30) calendar days to have time to turn in the required documentation. If additional vaccines are needed conditional status continues in a similar manner until all of the vaccine series are complete. If the thirty (30) calendar day period expires and documentation has not been given to the school the student will be excluded from further attendance. Valid documentation includes medical records showing vaccination, evidence of immunity to the disease in question, or a completed Certificate of Exemption (COE) form.~~

### **Exemptions from Immunization**

~~Any and all exemptions will be processed and recorded on a Certificate of Exemption (COE) form approved as provided by the Washington Department of Health (DOH). All exemptions requested on a COE must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. Additionally, with the exception of a religious membership exemption, all COE forms presented on or after July 22, 2011, must also have the signature of a health care practitioner (HCP) saying they have given the parent or guardian information about the benefits and risks of immunizations. The form may be signed by a HCP at any time prior to the enrollment of the child in a school. Photocopies of the signed form or a letter from the HCP referencing the child's name shall be accepted in lieu of the original form. Such a letter should be attached to the COE signed by the parent or legal guardian. Only a health care practitioner who is a physician (MD), physician assistant (PA), osteopath (DO), naturopath (ND), or advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) licensed in Washington State may sign the COE.~~

The district will grant medical exemptions from one or more of the required immunizations vaccines if the HCP indicates on the COE for medical reason upon certification by a Licensed Healthcare Provider (LHP) that in their opinion the vaccine is not advisable for the student there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine. If the HCP indicates the medical exemption is temporary an expiration date must be documented on the COE.

When a temporary medical exemption expires the student can attend school in “conditional immunization status” for thirty (30) calendar days to get the missing immunization or another exemption. If the thirty (30) calendar day period expires and documentation has not been given to the school, the student will be excluded from further attendance. Valid documentation includes medical records showing vaccination, evidence of immunity to the disease in question, or a completed Certificate of Exemption (COE) form.

The district will grant religious exemptions from one or more of the required immunizations for religious reasons upon if the parent or /legal guardian completes the religious exemption section of the COE’s submission of a COE as follows:

The district will grant religious membership exemptions from one or more of the required immunizations if thea parent or legal guardian completes the religious membership section of the COE and signs affirming COE states the parent/legal guardian is they are a member in a religious body or church with beliefs or teachings that preclude a child from receiving medical treatment from a HCPLHP,; Tthe HCPLHP signature is not required for a religious membership exemption.on the COA is not required. If the COE claims a religious reason, but does not state that the parent/legal guardian is a member in a religious body or church with beliefs or teachings that preclude a child from receiving medical treatment from a LHP, the LHP signature on the COA is required

With the exception of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, t

The district will grant personal/philosophical exemptions from one or more of the required immunizations, except measles, mumps or rubella, if the parent completes the personal/philosophical exemption section on the COE. for philosophical or personal reasons upon the parent/legal guardian’s submission of a COE, signed by an LHP, stating that the parent/guardian has a philosophical or personal objection to the immunization of the child and the LHP provided the parent/guardian with information about the benefits and risks of immunization. The district will not grant an exemption for philosophical or personal reasons from the measles, mumps, or andrubella immunization requirements.vaccine. The LHP may sign the form any time prior to the district’s enrollment of the child. The district will accept a photocopy of the signed form or a letter from the LHP in lieu of the original form.

### Exclusion from School

The school principal will exclude students from further attendance who are out of compliance with the immunization requirements as required in RCW 28A.210.120.

When excluding students, the school will provide written notification as required in WAC 392-380-050. Written notification will:

- Order that the student is excluded immediately, and

- Be delivered in person or by certified mail, and
  - Be in the parent's native language if possible, and
  - Include a copy of the applicable laws and rules (RCW 28A.210.010-160, 246-105 WAC, and 392-182 WAC sections 005, 020, 045, 050, 080), and
  - Provide information regarding immunization services available through local health or other public agencies, and
  - Include notice that the parent/legal guardian and student has a right to a hearing provided they notify the school within three (3) days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal, and
  - Describe the hearing process, and
  - Explain that the exclusion continues until either the required immunization documentation, or a completed Certificate of Exemption form is turned in to the school, or a hearing officer determines that the student is no longer excluded from school.
- If the parent requests a hearing, the district will notify in writing the parent or guardian and school principal of the time and place for the hearing and will present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent

### List of Students Not Fully Immunized

The district will keep or be able to produce within twenty-four hours a current list of children who are not fully immunized. This list must be transmitted to the local health department upon request. The local health officer may use this list will mark the permanent file of students who have exemptions for easy identification should the local department of health order that exempted of students to be excluded from school temporarily during a disease outbreak or an epidemic.

~~If the district does not receive proof of immunization status on a CIS or a COE upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal or designee will provide written notice to the parents/guardians informing them of:~~

- ~~1. The immunization requirements;~~
- ~~2. The potential that the student will be denied attendance unless documentation needed to complete the CIS or COE is provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the student's first day of attendance;~~
- ~~3. The procedural due process rights; and~~
- ~~4. The immunization services available.~~

### **Exclusion from School**

~~Following proper notification, the school will exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws, subject to the appeal procedures for student expulsions, consistent with 3241 – Student Discipline [modify as accurate for your district] (Policy 3241). Parents have a right to a hearing, provided they notify the school within three (3) days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal. If the parent requests a hearing, the district will notify in writing the parent or guardian and school principal of the time and place for the hearing and will present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent~~