

WAC 246-105-040

Requirements based on national immunization guidelines.

The department shall develop and distribute implementation guidelines for schools and child care centers that are consistent with the national immunization guidelines described in this section and the requirements in WAC 246-105-090.

(1) Unless otherwise stated in this section, a child must be vaccinated against each vaccine-preventable disease listed in WAC 246-105-030 at ages and intervals according to the following published national immunization guidelines:

(a) Effective July 1, 2009, the "*Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0-18 Years, United States 2008*"; as published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Week Report* (MMWR), 2008;57(01):Q1-4.

(b) Effective July 1, 2011, the "*Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0-18 Years, United States, 2010*"; as published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Week Report* (MMWR), 2010;58(51 and 52):Q1-4.

(2) In addition to the ages and intervals required by subsection (1) of this section, the following vaccine administration guidelines shall apply. Schools and child care centers may accept one of the following as proof of a child's immunization status against varicella:

(a) Documentation on the CIS form that the child received age appropriate varicella vaccine; or

(b) Diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease by a health care provider; or

(c) Diagnosis or verification of a history of herpes zoster by a health care provider; or

(d) Serologic proof of immunity against varicella; or

(e) Documentation by the parent that a child has a history of varicella. This type of proof will be accepted only for certain grade levels described in the department's implementation guidelines according to WAC 246-105-090(2).

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WAC 246-105-090
Implementation.

(1) The department shall develop and distribute implementation guidelines for schools and child care centers that:

(a) Interpret immunization requirements by grade level consistent with the ages specified in the national immunization guidelines and this chapter; and

(b) Reflect national immunization guidelines for children who did not receive required immunizations prior to entry into kindergarten or first grade, and for whom a full series of immunizations is not recommended.

(2) The department may develop school implementation guidelines that waive or modify immunization requirements when a phasing-in period is warranted for a new immunization mandate, when there is limited availability of a required immunizing agent, or when new information about the safety or efficacy of an immunizing agent prompts a reevaluation of an existing vaccination requirement. Any waiver or modification must:

(a) Reflect the best available medical research as indicated by the ACIP or the state health officer recommendation;

(b) Identify a specific vaccine-preventable disease or immunizing agent;

(c) Identify a specific cohort of children by age or grade level;

(d) Be limited in duration; and

(e) Be approved by the board.

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