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## **Tdap Vaccine Requirements, Proposed Implementation for Grades K-12**

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## DTaP / Tdap / Td Vaccines: Quick Review

- “**D or d**” = diphtheria, “**T or t**” = tetanus, “**aP or ap**” = acellular pertussis
- **DTaP**: 5 doses routinely recommended from 2 months through 6 years of age
- **Tdap**: 1 dose routinely recommended at 11 years of age
  - Considered a booster dose for DTaP
- **Td** recommended at 7 years of age and older, if needed
  - Td vaccine does not protect against pertussis

## Tdap Vaccine National Guidelines Updated

- Updated Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Tdap guidelines were published January 2011

Previous National Guidelines	Updated National Guidelines
Routinely recommended at 11 years old	No change
5 year interval since a child's last DTaP or Td dose	Administer Tdap regardless of any interval
Undervaccinated children 7-10 years of age should received <b>Td</b> vaccine	Undervaccinated children 7-10 years of age should received <b>Tdap</b> vaccine

## Tdap Vaccine National Guidelines Updated

- Providers should not delay Tdap, and give it to sooner to undervaccinated children, if needed
- No additional Tdap doses are established (one and done)
- The ACIP's reasons for Tdap updates:
  - Additional data available for Tdap vaccination among 7-10 year olds
  - Persistence of pertussis outbreaks in the U.S.
  - Protecting under-immunized kids against pertussis earlier prevents the chance of disease and its spread to babies.

## **Current Tdap Vaccine Requirements for Schools** (Chapter 246-105 WAC)

- Implemented according to:
  - 2010 national guidelines referenced in WAC 246-105-040
  - 2006 Implementation Plan approved by the Board
- Required for entry starting at Grade 6
  - Must be at least a 5 year interval since the last DTaP or Td dose
  - Those 7-10 years of age (grades K-5) not fully vaccinated should get 1 dose of Td

## Proposal To Update Tdap Vaccination Requirements

- Board approval of proposed Tdap Implementation Plan
  - No minimum interval
  - By school year 2013-2014, Tdap required for grades 6-12
  - Schools may accept under-vaccinated students 7 years of age or older that get a Tdap vaccine
  - Implementation plans allowable under WAC 246-105-090

## Proposal To Update Tdap Vaccination Requirements

- Board approval to begin rule proposal updating Chapter 246-105 WAC
  - Change reference from the 2010 ACIP national guidelines to the 2012 ACIP national guidelines
  - Updated rule would eventually replace the Tdap Implementation Plan

Questions?

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