



# Immunization of Child Care and School Children Against Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

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# Who is ACIP

The national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is a group of medical and public health experts that develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States.

Source: CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/about.html>

# What are ACIP Recommendations?

- ACIP publishes recommended vaccine schedules for the nation
- Best clinical practice
- The immunization Standard of Care
- Approved by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and published in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) annually

# Why must the state rule be amended?

- Chapter 246-105 WAC currently cites the ACIP recommendations from 2013
- Washington immunization requirements should refer to the most current recommendations

# Request for Rulemaking Authority

Meets the Board's delegation criteria.

- ✓ Limits rule changes to 2016 ACIP recommendations
- ✓ Makes technical corrections to the publication year of the ACIP recommendations without changing the substance of the rule
- ✓ Non-controversial – this update doesn't change the requirements for specific types of vaccines or the number of doses
- ✓ Public will be notified through rule making process

# What the new ACIP recommendations will do

Increases public protection by:

- ✓ Preventing infectious diseases
- ✓ Providing a set schedule that standardizes best clinical practices for providers

# What the new ACIP recommendations WON'T do

- Change or affect the regulated body
- Change required immunizations for school and child care entry in Washington
- Change exemptions to immunization compliance

# Questions?

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