

Washington State Board of Health and Department of Health Technical Advisory Group

Overview – Immunization Criteria

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RCW 28A.210 – Health Screening and Requirements

Child care and school entry requires one of the following:

Proof of full immunization

Initiation of and compliance with schedule

Applicable Exemption

Exemptions





Philosophical or Personal*

* Philosophical or Personal exemption is not available for the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. RCW **28A.210.090(1)(c)**

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Board Rule – Chapter 246-105 WAC

- RCW 28A.210.140 requires the Board to adopt rules which establish the procedural and substantive requirements for full immunization.
- These rules establish the documentation of immunization status required for child care and school entry, including a list of vaccine preventable diseases a child is required to be vaccinated against, or show proof of acquired immunity for.
- In 2004, the Board convened the Immunizations Advisory Committee to develop criteria to guide decision making and provide a systematic approach to determining which immunizing agents are included in the rule.
- The Board adopted the criteria in 2006 and updated the criteria in 2017. Washington State Board of Health

Board Criteria Framework

John Stuart Mill in On Liberty wrote:

"The only purpose for which power can rightfully be exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant."





The nine criteria are encompassed in three categories:

Implementation

Vaccine Effectiveness

- A vaccine containing this antigen is recommended by ACIP and included on its Recommended Childhood & Adolescent Immunization Schedule
- The vaccine containing this antigen is effective as measured by immunogenicity and population-based prevention data in Washington State
- The vaccine containing this antigen is cost effective from a societal perspective
- Experience to date with the vaccine containing this antigen demonstrates that it is safe and has an acceptable level of side effects

Disease Burden

- The vaccine containing this antigen prevents disease(s) that has significant morbidity and/or mortality in at least some sub-set of the population
- Vaccinating against this disease reduces the risk of person-to-person transmission, with transmission in a school or childcare setting or activity being given the highest priority

Implementation

- The vaccine containing this antigen is acceptable to the medical community and the public
- The administrative burden of delivery and tracking of vaccine containing this antigen are reasonable
- The burden of compliance for the vaccine containing this antigen is reasonable for the parent/caregiver

Board Process

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice recommends a fully FDA approved immunization against a specific antigen for the school aged population Board reviews against qualifying assumptions; 1) There is a process for exemptions (philosophical, religious, and personal)

2) Immunization is accessible and cost is not a barrier If qualifying assumptions are met and sufficient information is available, the Board may choose to convene a technical advisory group (TAG) to assess the antigen against the nine criteria Board and DOH convene an interdisciplinary technical advisory group to consider the evidence, including assessment of Washington specific data (when available)

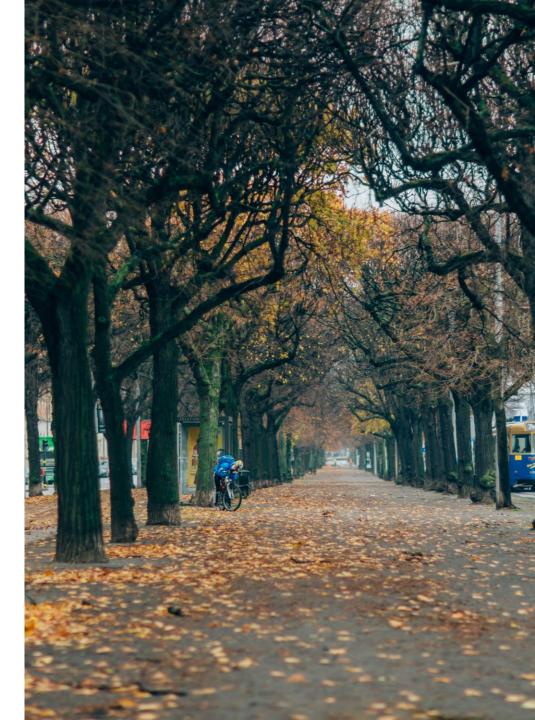
Subject matter experts present to the TAG information to assess the antigen against the criteria and the TAG votes to provide recommendations to the Board

TAG recommendations are presented to the Board Board considers the information and TAG recommendations and may vote to direct staff to initiate rulemaking to consider amending chapter 246-105 WAC

Technical Advisory Group Process

Goal: Develop a recommendation for the State Board of Health regarding whether to consider adding COVID-19 to WAC 246-105-030.

- The technical advisory group (TAG) will meet to review the nine criteria
 - It is expected that this will occur over 2-3 meetings of approximately 6-8 hours
- Subject matter experts will present available information related to each criteria
- TAG members will be asked to vote on each individual criteria and then vote on an overall recommendation
- The TAG's recommendation will be brought to the full State Board of Health for consideration at a future regularly scheduled meeting.



Questions?



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