



Washington State Board of Health

Briefing – Immunization Criteria

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RCW 28A.210

Child care and school entry requires one of the following:

Proof of full
immunization

Initiation of
and
compliance
with schedule

Applicable
Exemption

Exemptions

Medical

Religious

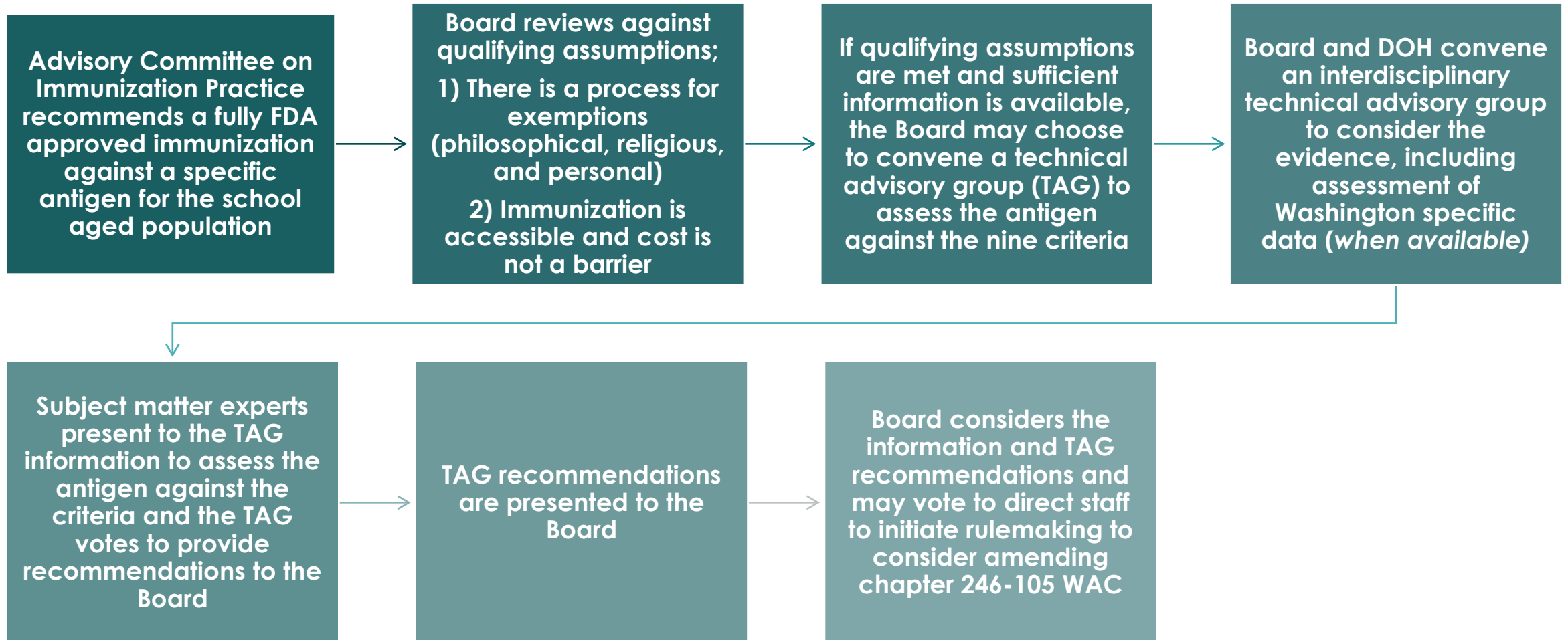
Philosophical or Personal*

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

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.

Board Process



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.”

Board Criteria

The nine criteria are encompassed in three categories:

Vaccine Effectiveness

Disease Burden

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

Questions?



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