

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To: Washington State Board of Health Members and Members of the Public

From: Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, MD, MPH, Secretary's Designee

Subject: Department of Health Informational Briefing to the Board: Update on Child Immunization Rates in Washington

Background and Summary:

The State Board of Health (Board) receives periodic updates from its partner agencies on topics related to the Board's statutory authority or legislative priorities. For the Board's March meeting, staff from the Department of Health's (Department) Office of Immunization will provide an update on child immunization rates in Washington. Historically, the Department has provided this routine update to the Board every few years.

The Department last gave this update at the Board's June 2021 meeting. Since then, the Board has had several new members appointed who have not yet received a briefing on this topic. The purpose of this presentation is to provide new members with an overview of Washington's immunization laws, rules, and requirements, the roles and responsibilities of the Department in this work, and updates on immunization rates for children.

I have invited the Department's Director of the Office of Immunization, Jamilia Sherls-Jones, DNP, MPH, RN, CDP, CPN, and School and Child Care Immunization Nurse Consultant, Katherine Graff, BSN, RN, to provide this informational update to Board Members.

Note that there will be no action taken at today's Board meeting on this topic. This is an educational briefing only for Board Members and the public.

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