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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting August 1, 2020, all immunization records turned into schools are required by state law to be medically verified. Further information is located on the back of this letter. Immunization records must be turned into the school on or before the first day of school. This means, immunization records turned into the school must be from a healthcare provider, or you must attach paperwork from a healthcare provider that shows your child's records are accurate. **This does not apply to vaccination records previously provided to schools.**

Here are some examples of medically verified immunization records:

- A completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) signed by a healthcare provider or a parent/guardian with medical records attached.
- A CIS printed from MyIR, which is a free Department of Health online tool that allows families to view/print their official immunization records themselves. To sign-up, please visit <https://wa.myir.net/register>.

If you are requesting an exemption from one or more of the immunization requirements, then you must provide the school with a completed Certificate of Exemption.

Again, if your child already meets immunization requirements and has records on file with the school, then you do not need to do anything. If you are not sure or if you have any questions, then please contact your student's school directly.

Thanks for your understanding.

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Changes to State Immunization Rules for Schools and Child Care Effective August 1, 2020:

The State Board of Health (SBOH) has approved changes to Chapter 246-105 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) concerning school and childcare immunization policy. These rules apply to all public and private schools and licensed childcare centers in Washington State.

The update to Chapter 246-105 WAC has three major focuses:

- It now requires medically verified immunization records for school and childcare entry.
- It clarifies conditional status regarding school and childcare immunization requirements and implementation.
- It changes the T-dap immunization requirement to 7th through 12th grades.

Medically Verified Records

Starting on August 1, 2020, the revised rule requires medically verified immunization records for school and childcare entry. Medically verified record includes one or more of the following:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System (IIS)
- A physical copy of the CIS form with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from MyIR

Conditional Status

Starting on August 1, 2020, the revised rule grants children conditional status entry into school or childcare who are making progress towards completing their immunization requirements. Children may begin school or childcare only if they received all of the required immunizations, they are due to receive and submitted medically verified records on or before the first day of attendance.

If additional immunizations are needed after receiving all immunizations, they are eligible to receive before starting school, children may start school or childcare in conditional status and remain until the next dose becomes due. Children will then have 30 calendar days to turn in updated records showing they received the missing dose. If additional doses are due, conditional status continues until all required immunizations are complete. If the 30 days expire without updated records, the child must be excluded from further attendance.

Change to Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (T-dap) Vaccine Requirement

Starting on August 1, 2020, the requirement for a T-dap dose changes from grade 6-12 to grade 7-12. All students entering 7th through 12th grades must have one booster dose of T-dap vaccine. In the 2020-2021 school year, all students in 7th grade must have received their T-dap dose on or after age 10 years. Students in 8th through 12th grades must have received their T-dap dose on or after age 7 years.

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