



# CHANGES TO CHAPTER 246-105 WAC

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The State Board of Health has approved updated language in the school and child care rules in [Chapter 246-105 WAC](#)

Changes effective **August 1, 2020** include:

- 2019 ACIP immunization Schedule Reference – Tdap change
- Immunization documentation
- Conditional Status

# Tdap Requirement Change

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New Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP) rule:

- Tdap (or DTaP given in error) administered at age 7 through 9 years of age **does not** count for the age 11-12 recommended dose
  - Another Tdap should be given at age 11-12 years
- A Tdap (or DTaP) given in error) administered at age 10 can count for the age 11 recommended dose
- WA Immunization Information System (IIS) forecast has been updated to reflect this change

# Tdap Requirement Change

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Implementation schedule will begin 2020-2021 school year:

- Changes the Tdap requirement from grade 6 to 7
- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have a Tdap on or after 10 years
- Students in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades need a Tdap on or after age 7 years

Subsequent years will roll up a grade.

If providers vaccinate per the ACIP schedule students will be in compliance with the state requirements

# School/Child Care Entry Requirements RCW

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**On or before the first day of attendance** all children must have turned in documentation of:

- Full immunization by vaccination or titer for all of the diseases for which full immunization is required; or
- Completed Certificate of Exemption; or
- Initiation of a schedule towards full immunization

Documentation must be turned in before the child can start school or child care

# Documentation Changes

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**Effective 2020-2021 school year** vaccination records for school and child care entry need to be medically verified

Impacts:

- All students attending a new private school or school district
- Any Immunization documentation turned in on or after 08/01/20

Does Not Impact

- Students up to date with their immunizations who are staying at the same school or same school district

# Medically Verified Records

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## Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form

- CIS printed from the IIS
  - Validated CIS
  - CIS printed from MyIR
- Hardcopy CIS completed by hand
  - Validated with a health care provider signature. or
  - Validated by a school nurse, administrator, child care health consultant or their designee with medical vaccination records attached



# Medical Vaccination Records

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## Medically Verified Include:

- Provider records
- Another state registry:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fprograms%2Fiis%2Fcontacts-registry-staff.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fprograms%2Fiis%2Fcontacts-registry-staff.html)
- Lifetime Immunization record completed by provider
- More examples in the [Training Guide \(School Module\)](#)

# School Module

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## Schools using the School Module:

- Verify the immunizations are complete in the IIS upon enrollment (no CIS required), or
- If not complete in the IIS a CIS and medical vaccination records to be entered into the IIS

# Conditional Status

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New rule language clarifies “Conditional Status”

Currently Language:

- Students have 30 days from 1<sup>st</sup> day of attendance to turn in their immunization documentation.

Starting 08/01/2020:

- Students must turn in immunization paperwork before they can start school.
- There is no longer an automatic 30 day conditional period from the first day of school.
- Students must have **all vaccinations they are eligible to receive** on or before the first day of attendance

# All of the Doses - Examples

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A child entering kindergarten has all of the early childhood vaccines but is missing their age 4 -6yr vaccines required for kindergarten entry

- they must get the missing DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella before starting school.

A student entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade is missing their Tdap booster

- they must get the Tdap vaccine before starting school.

# Conditional Status

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If more doses needed after having all the doses they are eligible to receive:

- Student can attend school in “Conditional Status”
- Parent/guardian must acknowledge conditional status entry and timelines on the CIS

# Conditional Status - Examples

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A child entering kindergarten has had no vaccines:

- They must get one dose of each of the required vaccines before starting school. Then they can start school in conditional status.

A child entering kindergarten has had all vaccines except MMR dose 2. MMR dose 1 was administered one day before the start of school:

- They can start school in conditional status for 28 days (waiting for MMR dose 2 recommended date) plus an additional 30 days in which to get the dose.

# Conditional Status

## September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MMR #2 due

Student stays in school until next dose is due.

Dates follow the recommended dates of the [ACIP Catch-Up Schedules](#).

# Conditional Status

## October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Paperwork  
due to school

Student has 30 days from due date to turn in paperwork.

Conditional Status continues until all of the series are complete.



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No Paperwork?  
Out of Compliance

If the 30 days expires without documentation of immunization or an exemption the student is out of compliance

Students out of compliance must be excluded. RCW [28A.210.120](#)

# Conditional Status

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## Special Situations:

- McKinney-Vento and foster students must be immediately enrolled even if lacking documentation of immunization status
- McKinney-Vento students cannot be excluded for being out of compliance with the immunization requirements
- Children of active duty military parents must turn in documentation of immunization (CIS or Certificate of Exemption - COE) on or before the first day of attendance but they have 30 days time to get all of the required immunizations they are eligible to receive.

# Health Care Provider Considerations

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Higher demand for summer appointments

Recommendations:

- Send out reminder/recall messaging to parents in the spring to reduce the amount of appointments in late summer
- Provide acceptable immunization records to parents
- Add missing immunization dates into the IIS, including historical dates
- Be aware of school start dates in your area, and consider allowing quick walk in appointments for immunizations during those times

# Rule Change Resources

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Updated hardcopy CIS and COE forms and sample letters

Working on updating the validated CIS printed from the Immunization Information System

Broad communication to and additional resources for stakeholders including:

- School administrators
- School nurses and other school and child care staff
- Parents
- Providers

More Resources coming soon!

[www.doh.wa.gov/schoolimms2020](http://www.doh.wa.gov/schoolimms2020)

# MyIR CIS

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Flyer for parents:

- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-519-WA-MyIR-card.pdf>
- Order by sending an email to: [immunematerials@doh.wa.gov](mailto:immunematerials@doh.wa.gov)

How to Register

- Consumers can self-register: <https://wa.myir.net/register/>
- Contact our office for help with registration, but release form is required (can be emailed): [WAISRecords@doh.wa.gov](mailto:WAISRecords@doh.wa.gov)

# School and Child Care Immunization Page

Website:

[www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI](http://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI)

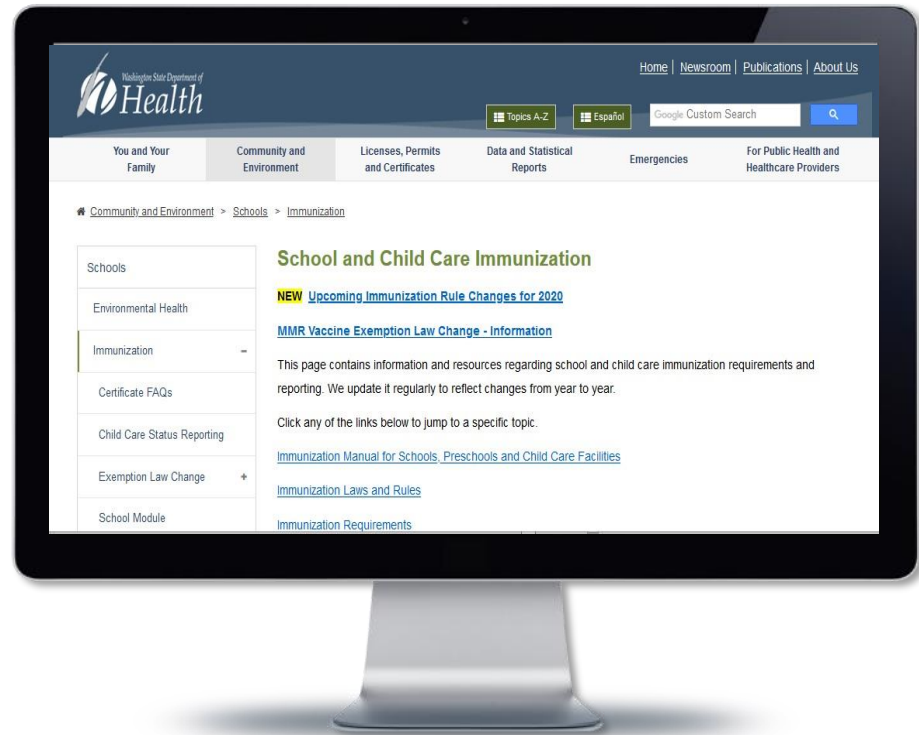
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