



Students - Series 3000 Student Immunizations and Life-Threatening Health Conditions 3413p

Immunizations

Certificate of Immunization

Immediately upon enrollment in the district, a certificate of immunization status (CIS), distributed by the Washington Department of Health, will be completed by the student's parent/guardian. The certificate will be made a part of the student's permanent record.

If a student has not received all of the required immunizations by the first day of enrollment, the parent/guardian will submit evidence of the initiation of an immunization schedule and the student will be placed in a "conditional admittance" category. Students may attend under conditional status for a limited time. The parent or guardian has no longer than 30 days from the student's first day of attendance to get any missing immunization(s) and/or provide documentation needed to complete the CIS. If a student needs additional doses to complete a vaccine series, he/she will remain in conditional status for no longer than 30 days after the next dose is due until the series is complete. Failure to submit documentation within these timelines will be sufficient cause to exclude the student from school.

Exemptions from Immunization

Any and all exemptions will be processed and recorded on a Certificate of Exemption (COE) as distributed by the Washington Department of Health, and the certificate will be made part of the student's permanent record. Exemption from one or more vaccines will be granted for medical reason upon certification by a health care practitioner that there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine.

Exemptions for personal, philosophical, or religious reasons will be granted upon request of the parent or legal guardian. To request an exemption, a parent/guardian must submit a signed COE indicating either a personal, philosophical, or religious reason for objection to the immunization of the child. The COE includes a statement that must be signed by a health care practitioner stating that he or she provided the parent/guardian with information about the benefits and risks of immunization to the child. The form may be signed by a health care practitioner at any time prior to the enrollment of the child in a school or licensed day care. Photocopies of the signed form or a letter from the health care practitioner will be accepted in lieu of the original form.

Any parent or legal guardian who exempts the child due to religious beliefs is not required to have the COE signed by a health care practitioner if the parent/guardian demonstrates membership in a religious body or a church in which the religious beliefs or teachings of the church preclude a health care practitioner from providing medical treatment to the child.

Each school will keep, and update annually, a list of students with medical, religious, philosophical, or personal exemptions. If requested, the list must be transmitted to the local health department during an outbreak.

Exclusion from School for Noncompliance

The parent/guardian will be notified of a student's incomplete immunization status prior to the end of the 30 days of conditional admittance. If a student in conditional status is more than 30 days overdue for an immunization and/or has not submitted a completed CIS or COE, he/she will be excluded from attending school by a written notice from the school principal. The written notice informs the parent/guardian of the immunization requirements, the action to be taken for compliance, due process rights, and the immunization services that are available. If a parent or guardian of a student, or the adult student, cannot be reached to come in person to the school to receive the written order of exclusion, it must be sent by certified mail. Enclosures in a written notice of exclusion will include the following:

- Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)
- Certificate of Exemption (COE)
- List of required immunizations (MINIMUM DOSES OF IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE)
- Schedule of school business days (current school calendar)
- List of health care resources (HEALTH CARE RESOURCES)
- Copy of WAC 392-380-005 through 392-380-080
- Copy of WAC 392-400-300 and 392-400-305
- Copy of RCW 28A.210.120-160
- Copy of RCW 28A.210.090

Life-threatening Health Conditions

"Life-threatening Condition" is defined in the law as "a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place." The student may not attend school until the licensed health care practitioner's medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are in place.

A notice addressing requirements for the student with a life-threatening condition will be included with registration information. At the time of registration, the parent/guardian is responsible for informing the district about a student's condition.

School staff will provide the parent/guardian with a packet containing all needed forms and requirements. Depending on the individual student's life-threatening condition, the packet may include:

- Consent for Exchange of Medical Information
- Health Care Provider Epinephrine Request and Treatment Plan for Anaphylaxis
- Health Care Provider Medication Request and Treatment Plan for Asthma
- Health Care Provider Orders for Students with Diabetes
- Emergency Bus Form for the Student with Health Concerns
- Information Form for the Student with Allergy

- Information Form for the Student with Diabetes
- Information Form for the Student with Asthma
- Information Form for the Student with Bee Sting Reaction

The parent/guardian must do the following:

- Provide the licensed health care provider with a signed release to exchange medical information with district staff.
- Obtain a signed medication/treatment order from the licensed health care provider.
- Complete and sign the “Parent/Guardian” portion of the medication/treatment form.
- Return all completed and signed forms to the school nurse.
- Meet with the school nurse to develop, review, and sign the nursing plan.
- Provide the school with appropriate medication and/or treatment supplies (e.g., food and insulin for student with diabetes, epinephrine auto-injector for student with bee sting allergy).

The school nurse will do the following:

- Meet with the parent/guardian to develop a nursing plan. This meeting will occur after the nurse receives the completed forms from the parent/guardian and before the student attends school.
- Advise and train appropriate staff in following the nursing plan.
- Send annual letter to parent/guardian with a packet of forms and requirements for the next school year.

A student with a life-threatening condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school will be excluded from attending school by a written notice from the school principal which informs the parent/guardian of the requirements of the law, the action to be taken for compliance, due process rights, and all necessary forms. If a parent or guardian of a student, or the adult student, cannot be reached to come in person to the school to receive the written order of exclusion, it must be sent by certified mail. Enclosures in a written notice of exclusion will include the following:

- Required parent/guardian and health care provider forms for specific life-threatening health condition
- Schedule of school business days (current school calendar)
- Copy of WAC 392-380-005 through 392-380-080
- Copy of WAC 392-400-300 and 392-400-305
- Copy of RCW 28A.210.320

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