

**Immunization
School/Children's
Facility/College Law
Advisory Committee**

Chair: Aaron Dunn

**Thursday, January 15, 2015
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Portland State Office Building, Room 1E
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232**

Agenda

Attendees: Sara Beaudrault, Janis Betten, Elizabeth Brewer, Joni Busche, Paul Cieslak, Angela Combe, Leslie Currin, Stacy de Assis Matthews, Donalda Dodson, Aaron Dunn, Morgan Allen for Jim Green, Merrily Haas, Peggy Hillman, Jim Lace, Paul Lewis, Kathryn Miller, Ann Occhi, Mark Siegel, and Karyn Walker

Guests: Tuesday Graham, Garth Meihoff, Ann Simons

Minutes from the last meeting Approved

Legislation related to school immunization/exemption in 2015 and nonmedical exemption update

SB442, sponsored by Senators Steiner Haywood, Monnes Anderson and Rosenbaum, is in process. It would amend the nonmedical exemption rule. Currently, exemptions existing prior to the rule's implementation on March 1, 2014 are grandfathered in. The new bill proposes revision of administrative rules to adopt a schedule to renew those grandfathered exemptions with the new process. It would not be an annual re-documentation, but a one-time renewal to catch up the existing exemptions.

Discussion:

- The 7th grade might be a good time to renew exemptions, as schools already have a process for new requirements at that level.
- An earlier grade target would catch exemptions up at an earlier date.
- An earlier grade could miss more of the exemptions for students in the upper grades.
- Consider proposing change to the language on the bill to read "Kindergarten and first grade entry" to capture a bigger group.

Action:

Stacy will send out e-mail updates on the bill as they occur.

Chickenpox outbreak in Ashland and temporary administrative rule

Currently, rules to restrict children from school for disease fall under the Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section: OAR 333-019-0010. Because of the chickenpox outbreaks in Lane and Jackson counties, a temporary administrative rule amendment has been made to OAR 333-019-0010 clarifying exclusion of children or employees who are susceptible but unvaccinated after exposure to disease. The temporary rules remain in effect for 180 days. OHA intends to enact the rule as a permanent administrative rule and will go through the rulemaking process.

Discussion:

- Any child who is not vaccinated could be excluded from child care if there is an outbreak, but there are levels of exposure, disease history of child, etc. that need to be considered in making an exclusion decision.
- Not all health officers would choose to exclude susceptibles after disease exposure (particularly chickenpox) for what may be a lengthy time, and would like the language of the rule to read “may exclude”.

Action:

The advisory committee will be kept informed as the permanent rulemaking process progresses. Immunization rules 333-050-0100 may need to be amended to remain consistent with the new 333-019-0010 rules.

College measles requirement— final results from the 2014 report

The annual survey of four year colleges and universities was conducted in April to collect data on the measles immunization status of students. International students have their own category in the survey, as vaccine requirements are different for them. The coverage rate for 2014 was 91%. A number of schools said that having a reporting requirement makes it easier for them to receive support from their governing body.

Action:

2015 data will be shared with the advisory committee when available.

School/Children’s facility immunization data, 2014

Nonmedical exemption updates:

- Spanish and Russian translations of the module are nearly complete.
- The first year data will be available in May
- The survey at the end of the module will continued to be monitored (400+ responses received)

For 2014, 669,030 were covered by immunization law, 32,345 exclusion orders were issued and 5,227 children were excluded.

The nonmedical exemption rate was 7% for 2014. Within those with exemptions, 40% of kindergartners and 50% of children in children’s facilities were selective about vaccines.

Discussion:

- It would be interesting to see what vaccines children with exemptions are getting.
- We are unable to tell how many people have clicked on the nonmedical exemption module, but over 12,000 unique individuals have gone to the landing page for the module.

Action:

The Oregon Immunization Program will continue evaluation of the nonmedical exemption process change. School year 2014-2015 data will be sent to the advisory committee when available.

Public sharing of school law data discussion

Immunization rates and school exemption rates are available on the Oregon Immunization Program website. OIP also gets requests for school or child care level rates and provides those rates as needed. Data is de-identified and not provided for facilities with 50 or fewer students. OIP is considering posting school-level rates. The California website was shown as an example. That site shows school enrollment, exemption rate, and rates by vaccine.

Discussion:

- Using a less than 3% or 5% scale for smaller facilities would make it less likely individuals

could be identified.

- Not certain security is an issue. The data is not sensitive or specific enough to allow for identification of individual students.
- Put it out there.
- There is a possibility of misinterpretation of the data.
- At least 90% of data requested now is for facility exemption rates, not vaccine-level rates.
- How small of a site would be included? Sites might feel posting the data is over-intrusive.
- Facility compliance and inspection data will be going online soon.

Action:

The Oregon Immunization Program will explore posting exemption and immunization rates for 2014-2015 by school/facility on the internet, and will send draft policy to the advisory committee. 2014-2015 school/facility level data will be shared with the advisory committee when available.

Computer systems

School computer systems update

Each year all schools and child care facilities submit their Primary Review reports. The reports were due to their county health departments on Jan. 14, 2015. The process is complicated, and OIP is looking at ways to make it easier. Staff is working on an RFP to evaluate the process. The SMILER (School Module Integrating Law and Electronic Reporting) project will look at ways to develop more accurate and complete school records. Input from ISFLAC will be requested as the project progresses.

Discussion:

- It would be nice to integrate module with ALERT IIS record so parents could pull up certificate as needed.
- About 1/3 of sites have an electronic school record system, mostly public schools.
- A standard of data would help to move data among a variety of systems.

Action:

The advisory committee will be updated with progress on SMILER planning and will be provided opportunity for input in the development of the new system.

The 5-Year Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP) Strategic Plan HPV Chapter

This report was the result of SB722a.

Discussion:

- The Committee will be reviewing HPV vaccine in the future.
- Has there been any discussion on providing vaccination through schools, either federal mandates or other conversations?

Action:

Stacy will send a link to the full report with the ISFLAC minutes.