

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

Chair: Aaron Dunn

**Thursday, September 23, 2015
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Portland State Office Building, Room 1E
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232**

Minutes

Voting Members Attending: Joni Busche, Donald Dodson, Kathryn Eisenbarth, Merrily Haas, Paul Lewis, Kathryn Miller, Ann Occhi, Ely Sanders, Mark Siegel, Karyn Walker

Non-voting Members Attending: Paul Cieslak, Stacy de Assis Matthews, Aaron Dunn, Peggy Hillman, Anne Van Curen

Minutes from the last meeting Approved

Conflict of Interest

Forms were distributed. Members to return form to Stacy de Assis Matthews. Stacy will distribute forms to members participating remotely.

SB 895

Temporary Administrative Rules have been filed and are in effect. A public hearing will be held later in the fall as part of the permanent rulemaking process. **Update—public hearing has been scheduled for December 16 at 3 pm, Portland State Office Building room 1D.**

Summary of Rules:

- Remove the provision that allowed grandfathered religious exemptions that were signed prior to March 1, 2014.
- Remove a statement that a child may not be excluded from school until kindergarten for not having the 5th dose of DTaP, 4th dose of polio or 2nd dose of measles already specified in 333-050-0120.
- Remove language that is similar to Investigation and Control of Communicable Disease rules (333-019).
- Change a statement around exclusion of children during an outbreak. Depending on the disease and circumstances, a child may or may not be excluded when a case of vaccine-preventable disease is present. The child may still be susceptible after the risk of exposure has passed.
- Change the timeframe for sending a certified letter to noncompliant sites from 6 calendar days to 5 working days.
- Add "Main Office" definition - "a central administrative location at the school or children's facility where immunization rates are made available to parents."
- Add description of how parents of susceptible children are notified when the susceptible child is being excluded due to a case of disease.
- Add full school reporting requirements for the post-Exclusion Day annual report.
- Add requirement for local health departments to share local area immunization rates with schools and children's facilities by May 15 annually.

- Add requirement for schools and children’s facilities to make immunization rates available in their main offices, on websites, and to parents in electronic or paper format.

Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact

Standard form specifying why the rule changes are needed and the estimated fiscal impact.

These amendments are needed so that:

1. Schools, children's facilities and local health departments may comply with the reporting requirements of Senate Bill 895.
2. Parents of children with a religious exemption signed prior to March 1, 2014, may take necessary action to keep their child in attendance at a school or children's facility.
3. Parents of children may have easy access to information about their school or children's facility immunization and exemption rates.

Discussion:

Rules are currently in effect as temporary rules.

Education and communication with schools, children’s facilities, providers and the public is ongoing. Schools have the information on affected parents who will need to be notified of the action to take to keep their children in school.

Members with additional suggestions or comments should direct these to Stacy.

Reporting Requirements

A new page will be added to the Primary Review Summary documents for K-12 grade to assist with collecting the information to generate the required reports. Input on the form is welcome until Sept. 25.

Public Comment Concerning Meningococcal Requirement

Holly Birch, National Meningococcal Association – advocated in favor of a school requirement
 Jan Caliman, National Meningococcal Association – advocated in favor of a school requirement
 Scott Parkhurst, Meningitis Angels – advocated in favor of a school requirement
 Roanne Rogoroy, March of Dimes - – advocated in favor of a school requirement
 Shawn Miller, Sanofi Pasteur – suggested providing criteria for consideration ahead of time

Review of Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine Against Twelve Criteria for School/Facility/College Immunization Requirements

Committee reviewed document with the twelve criteria for consideration of quadrivalent meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a school/facility/college immunization requirement (available at: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/ImmunizationPartnerships/Pages/ISLAC.aspx>).

Discussion:

- This vaccine is being considered as a requirement for school and college age students, as there is a universal recommendation for these groups.
- There is no set threshold of cost effectiveness for a public health intervention.
- Oregon has not had an outbreak in elementary or secondary schools. Most cases involve prophylaxis of close contacts only.
- Required vaccines must be provided by local health departments for uninsured patients.
- School computers systems have to be reprogrammed for new requirements.
- At University of Oregon, cases of meningococcal B spread beyond close contacts. Vaccination with the appropriate vaccine would be recommended in similar events.
- It’s unknown if the vaccine prevents carriage of the bacteria that cause the disease.

- The ACIP recommendation for vaccination at age 11 was made several years ago. When further studies showed immunity waned, a second doses was recommended.
- Vaccine is routinely recommended now for ages 11-18, covered by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, and available statewide. Also recommended for college students living in residential housing.

A motion was made and seconded to not require quadrivalent meningococcal ACWY vaccine for school or college attendance. Motion was passed.

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Discussion:

- Currently not recommended for general population.
- What adverse events are associated with Mening B? Standard – sore arm, tenderness at shot site. No severe events have been attributed to the vaccine.
- There are two different brands of Meningococcal vaccine with different administration schedules. The two vaccines are not interchangeable. Series must be completed with original vaccine type.

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