

Colville School District 115

A Lifetime of Learning

TO: All Colville School District Staff

FROM: Pete Lewis, Superintendent

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With the recent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in surrounding areas, Colville School District is working to determine the susceptibility of staff should we have an outbreak in our schools. Immunizations are not required for school staff. However, suspected or confirmed cases or outbreaks of diseases associated with the school must be reported to the local health department (RCW 28A.210.010 and WAC 246-101-420). All susceptible staff not completely immunized or immune may be excluded from school. One of our roles as a school is to prevent the spread of disease. We must also protect the health of staff, which is why Colville School District Policy [6512](#), states, "In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease in school, the local health officer has the authority to exclude a susceptible staff member. A staff member granted an exemption for religious, philosophical or medical reasons or without an acceptable immunization record on file may be excluded, as he/she is considered to be susceptible. If excluded he/she is not eligible to receive sick leave benefits because of the exclusion itself. To qualify for benefits, he/she must be ill or temporarily physically disabled."

At this time, we are asking all staff to begin the process of providing immunization/immunity information before September 2015. The following immunizations are recommended for school staff: measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); varicella (chickenpox); hepatitis B; and diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (Tdap and Td). Please plan to obtain the information and provide it to Human Resources at your earliest convenience. The health history form may seem tedious to fill out. Instructions are included to help you.

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If you have questions about documenting immunization/immunity information, call Becky Droter, School Nurse at 675-1562.

Questions about our district's health care policy? Call Pete Lewis, Superintendent at 684-7857 or Fred McCurdy, Human Resources at 684-7856.

We appreciate your assistance in providing this information in a timely manner. Thank you for making Colville School District a healthier place for everyone.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM

Measles, mumps and rubella

- **Staff born before 1957** are considered to be immune to **measles and mumps**. ***Your birthdate is all that is necessary on the form.*** However, in an outbreak situation you *may* need to provide proof of vaccination or immunity established by vaccination date or titer (laboratory) results for mumps.
- **Those born 1/1/57 or later** need to provide dates for measles and mumps vaccine, verification of measles and mumps immunity signed by a licensed healthcare provider (LHP), **or** a copy of titer (laboratory) results that demonstrates immunity to these diseases.

Varicella (Chickenpox):

- **Staff born before 1980** are considered to be immune to chickenpox except for health-care personnel, pregnant women, and immunocompromised persons. Again, ***birthdate is all that is needed on the form.*** However, in an outbreak situation you *may* need to provide proof of vaccination or immunity established by vaccination date or titer.
- **Those born 1/1/80 or later** will need 2 doses of vaccine, LHP verification of disease, or a copy of titer (laboratory) results for varicella. The vaccine has been available since 1995.

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis:

- Date of last immunization only. Booster every 10 years.

Recommended Immunizations for Teachers and School Staff		
Vaccine		
	Persons Born Before 1957	Persons Born in or After 1957
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 doses of vaccine recommended for healthcare personnel (including school nurses) • Not at high risk: generally considered immune (US or foreign born). Vaccine not routinely recommended, but 1 dose may be given • Testing is NOT necessary. However, if testing occurred and result is negative, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine is recommended, depending on risk level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 dose of vaccine if not at high risk • 2 doses of vaccine if high risk (healthcare personnel, including school nurses, international travelers, and students attending college) • Vaccine needed even with history of prior disease diagnosed by a provider • No vaccine needed if documentation of blood test shows positive immunity • No vaccination or testing needed if documentation of 1-2 doses of MMR vaccine (number of doses depends on risk level)
Varicella (chickenpox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 doses of vaccine • Other evidence of immunity: no vaccine needed • Healthcare provider verification of chickenpox disease or herpes zoster (shingles) • Persons born before 1980 (does NOT apply to healthcare personnel, pregnant women, and immunosuppressed persons) • Blood test showing positive immunity 	
*Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 doses (only for specific job classifications) 	
Tdap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 dose of Tdap every 10 years <p>Pregnant women should get Tdap during EACH pregnancy, regardless when the last dose was received</p>	
Influenza (Flu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older 	

Helpful Tips on Obtaining Immunization Information

If you aren't sure how to obtain your childhood and adult immunization records, here are some potential sources.

- Previous health care employers or any schools/colleges you have attended.
- Your family physician or the health department where you grew up.
- A regional immunization program registry; see list below:

Alaska Immunization Program Helpline	1-888-430-4321
California Immunization Registry Helpline	1-800-578-7889
Oregon Health Authority Immunization	1-800-980-9431
Montana State Immunization Registry	1-406-444-9539

For immunizations received in Washington, registry information can be accessed by Becky Droter, School Nurse. Please complete this section and return to Becky, either by placing in an envelope in her school mailbox or through interoffice mail to the District Office.

Childhood Legal Name _____

Date of Birth _____

By signing below, I request that Becky Droter, School Nurse, search the IIS for my immunization history.

Signature _____

Date _____