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BULLETIN NO. 046-20 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
    School District Superintendents
    School Nurse Corps

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School Immunization Rule Changes Starting August 1, 2020

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PURPOSE

Starting August 1, 2020, school immunization rules are changing. Specifically, immunization records turned in to schools are required to be medically verified; Tdap vaccine will be required for 7th grade entry instead of 6th grade; and the definition of conditional status has been clarified.

These rule changes will affect all schools in the state. The Department of Health has created a rule change webpage to help answer questions and help schools comply with the changes. In addition, the Department of Health has created a variety of resources for schools to use, such as parent and administrator letters, flyers, and registration materials. These resources have been compiled and can be accessed through a one-page toolkit.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact OSPI Health Services at 360-725-6049 or email healthservices@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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