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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School Immunization Requirements for Students in Alternative School Programs

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Department of Health (DOH) has updated the [Immunization Manual for Schools, Preschools, and Child Care Facilities \(PDF\)](#) to remove the language around “shared air space” which allowed certain exceptions to immunization requirements for students who did not attend school in-person. Starting with the 2021–22 school year, all students enrolled at a public or private school must follow the immunization rules, even if participating in an off-campus alternative school program. These students will need a completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) and/or Certificate of Exemption (COE) on file at the school or district program and will need to be included in the school’s annual immunization report that is submitted to DOH. For information and resources, see the [DOH School and Child Care Immunization webpage](#).

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. This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

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