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** NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

Pediatrics Guidance for Children Returning to School/Day Care with COVID-19 Symptoms & New Childhood Immunization Requirements during the Pandemic

Requested Action:

Guidance for Children Returning to School/Day Care with COVID-19 Symptoms

- Test Children with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headaches, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea.
 - Instruct parents of **children testing positive for COVID-19** to isolate their child at home for 10 days and until fever free for 24 hours without medications. Family members should be tested and quarantine at home for 14 days if they test positive for COVID-19. The child may return to school/day care once cleared unless otherwise instructed by the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department (TCPHSS).
 - Instruct parents with **children with symptoms who test negative for COVID-19** and has been in close contact with an individual with COVID-19 within 14 days to isolate the child at home for 10 days and until they are fever free without medications for 24 hours before returning to school/day care unless otherwise instructed by TCPHSS.
 - Instruct parents of **children with symptoms who test negative for COVID-19 and has not had a known exposure** they should stay home until symptoms resolve and until they are fever free for 24 hours without medications before returning to school/day care unless otherwise instructed by TCPHSS.
 - Instruct parents **declining to test their child** to isolate their child at home for 10 days and until fever free for 24 hours without medications unless otherwise instructed by TCPHSS.

New Childhood Immunization Requirements for K – 12 during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- **Enroll and serve children participating entirely in remote learning activities even if they don't meet immunization requirements** during the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Enroll but exclude children from physically attending school if their learning program is at school or only partially remote and the student is not in compliance with immunization requirements.** Students should be in compliance when they are back on campus for any reason, including small group learning or extracurricular activities.
- **Immediately enroll and serve, any student experiencing homelessness or living in foster care regardless of their immunization status or educational setting.** as required by current state and federal law,



- Children starting at a new childcare, private school or school district after August 1, 2020 must have medically verified documentation of their immunizations;
 - a Certificate of Immunization (CIS) printed from the WA Immunization Information System (IIS),
 - a verified hardcopy CIS or hardcopy CIS with attached medical vaccination records
 - for schools actively using the IIS School Module school staff can verify and record immunization are complete in the IIS.
- **New tetanus vaccine requirements for school aged children:**
 - Grade K-6 – no Tdap required
 - Grade 7 – one dose of Tdap administered at age 10 years or older
 - Grade 8-12 – one dose of Tdap administered at age 7 years or older

Background:

SARS-CoV-2 the virus causing the COVID-19 global pandemic emerged in December 2019. As of August 31, there were 74,939 confirmed cases and 1,931 deaths in Washington State and 1001 confirmed cases and 15 deaths in Thurston County.

On July 30, Thurston County Health Officer Dr. Abdelmalek announced to Thurston County superintendents and private educational organization leaders that she strongly urged all K-12 schools move to a distance learning option for the 2020 fall-term.

Thank you, our public health partners, for the long and often unappreciated and unacknowledged hours you are tirelessly spending caring for your patients and working on COVID-19 to lessen its impact on our community and flatten the curve.

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Washington State Department of Health (DOH):
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/HealthcareProviders>

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

DOH – Vaccine Requirements During Distance Learning
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-762-VaccineRequirementsDuringDistanceLearning.pdf>

DOH - School and Child Care Immunization
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization>

Upcoming Immunization Rule Changes for 2020
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges>

Frequently Asked Questions about the Certificate of Immunization Status and the Certificate of Exemption
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/CertificateFAQs>

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

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THANK YOU FOR REPORTING WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY

Voice mail for reporting non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

Communicable Disease Updates are posted online at: <http://bit.ly/CDUpdatePHSS>