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School focus

PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERING WITH SCHOOLS TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FROM VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

What is CHILD Profile?

CHILD Profile is Washington State's Health Promotion and Immunization Registry system. The view only format is available to schools at no cost. School personnel can print a student's Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form directly from CHILD Profile.

Immunization Exemption Review Project

The Vaccine Preventable Disease Community Program (VPD) reviewed exemption data from ten schools in the Edmonds School District to determine whether accessing CHILD Profile data could lower exemption rates.

The ten schools had a combined 4,160 students. Nine of the schools had exemption rates between 5.3% and 13.7%; one alternative school had an exemption rate of 29.03%. The three nurses assigned to these schools provided the VPD with Skyward exemption reports. VPD staff searched CHILD Profile records and compared the two sets of records.

Review of both data sets showed that utilizing CHILD Profile data reduced exemption rates significantly. Many students' immunizations were up-to-date even though parents had signed exemptions forms. Exemption rates for the typical schools decreased from an

aggregate of 8.1% (295) to 6.7% (244); including the outlying school, the numbers went from 10.6% (442) to 9.1% (378) for a total reduction of 63 children with exemptions.

Benefits of using CHILD Profile

It is important to know which children are not adequately immunized in a disease outbreak. The combination of immunization records from the school and CHILD Profile database can give a more accurate record of the children's immunizations. In the event of a vaccine preventable disease outbreak, decisions regarding exclusion from school attendance will keep unvaccinated children from attending classes.

In late August the VPD program will be contacting school districts to meet and give a overview of the CHILD Profile system for use in conjunction with school immunization/ registration practices.



This newsletter is a publication of the Vaccine Preventable Disease Community Program at the Snohomish Health District.

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New School and Child Care Immunization Listserv®

The Immunization Program of Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has created a Listserv® specifically to communicate immunization information to schools and child care facilities.

The Listserv® will be the program's primary tool to communicate with school nurses, school office staff, health room assistants, and child care providers.

All you need to join is a valid e-mail address. Remember that the Listserv® is only a one-way communication tool. To pose questions or comments, send an e-mail to immunurses@doh.wa.gov.

Sign up for the Listserv® and receive the latest immunization information.

To Sign Up:

1. Go to <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa/LOGON>.
2. Click on "get a new listserv password" and enter a valid e-mail address and password.
3. Click on "register password."
4. You'll get a Confirmation Sent message. Wait to proceed until you receive and respond to this e-mail. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to verify registration (click a link

to get to the Listserv® Command Response message).

5. Now, select "Log-In" in the upper right section of the toolbar.
6. Enter your username and password and click the "Log In" button.
7. Scroll down the alphabetical list of Listserv® names and select DOH-SCHOOLCHILDCARE-IMMSINFO
8. Select the "Join or Leave DOH-SCHOOLCHILDCARE-IMMSINFO" option.
9. Follow the instructions on this page by:
 - Entering your name in the space provided.
 - Choosing the options for Subscription Type, Acknowledgments, and Miscellaneous (we recommend you keep the default choices).
10. Click the "Join DOHSCHOOL-CHILDCAREIMMS-INFO" button.



Another confirmation email will be sent you. To finalize your subscription, respond to this e-mail. Again, follow the instructions in the e-mail to verify joining (click a link to get a Listserv® Command Response message). You're signed up!

How Many Schools In Snohomish County Use CHILD Profile in the Registration Process?

Public Schools in Snohomish County

- 28% regularly use CHILD Profile
- 46% occasionally use CHILD Profile
- 26% never use CHILD Profile



232 surveys sent out
173 (75%) were returned!
Thank you!

Before you sign the form...

To help parents make informed decisions on signing their child's exemption forms. This brochure was created. To request a copy, please email toutzen@shd.snohomish.wa.gov



We are here to help you!

The Vaccine Preventable Disease Community Program (VPD) at Snohomish Health District is working to increase vaccination rates in Snohomish County.

For immunization questions, contact:
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To sign up for CHILD Profile or to ask questions contact 1.800.325.5599
cphelpdesk@metrokc.gov

Healthy Kids for School
It's time to put "vaccinations" on the back-to-school list!

Families are encouraged to see their health care provider.

Required childhood vaccines for the school year 2009-10

- A change this year includes a new requirement for **pneumococcal vaccine (PCV)** for children to attend child care or preschool. PCV can be a four-shot series depending on age and when vaccinated.
- One dose of **chickenpox (varicella)** vaccine or doctor-verified history of disease is required for age 16 months *until* kindergarten entry. Two doses are required or doctor-verified history of disease for entry to kindergarten and first grade. Students in grades 2, 3, and 6 are required to have one dose of varicella or parental history of disease.
- The adolescent **pertussis vaccine (Tdap)** is required for students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Recommended vaccines:

- **Meningococcal** vaccine (one shot) is recommended for adolescents age 11 and older.
- A three-shot series of **human papillomavirus (HPV)** is recommended for girls age 11 and older.
- Older teens should have one dose of the adolescent **pertussis** vaccine (Tdap).
- Children 12 months and older should receive **hepatitis A** vaccine, a two-shot series.

New CHILD Profile Web Site



The CHILD Profile Web site has a new look and is now being hosted by the Department of Health. The Web address and content have not changed. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/childprofile/schools/default.htm>
If you have suggestions or feedback, e-mail: immunematerials@doh.wa.gov.