



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine NOT Required for Students

As you may know, the State Board of Health (SBOH), who determines immunization requirements for students in all of Washington's K-12 schools, has been considering whether or not to require the COVID-19 vaccine for students.

Today, the SBOH voted to NOT require Washington's students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for school attendance. This means this fall, immunization requirements for our students will remain unchanged.

Before making this decision, the State Board of Health organized a technical advisory group (TAG) made up of doctors, public health officials, school partners, and other community members. Over a series of meetings, the TAG met to understand the benefits and challenges of requiring a COVID-19 vaccination for students. In late February, the TAG concluded their work and recommended to the State Board of Health that the vaccine not be required. In today's SBOH meeting, they reviewed the TAG's recommendation before deciding they agreed.

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