

CHILDREN IN CONDITIONAL IMMUNIZATION STATUS AT ENROLLMENT

School and Child Care Staff Guide

Vaccine series doses are spread out among minimum time intervals. If a child needs multiple doses in a vaccine series, they may have to wait a period of time before finishing their required immunizations.

Children actively catching up on vaccine requirements can start and remain in school or child care with a **conditional immunization status** while they wait the required time to finish additional doses in a series.

An example of this would be a child who needs both MMR vaccine doses. After getting the first MMR dose, the child must wait four weeks until they can get their second and last MMR dose in the series. After the first dose of MMR vaccine is given, the student has received all the eligible doses they can get at that point in time. Because they need to wait 4 weeks for their last MMR vaccine, this places them in conditional status and allows them to attend school or child care while they wait.

To attend school or child care in conditional status, the following conditions must be met:

- The parent/guardian must sign the conditional status statement on the [Certificate of Immunization Status form](#) acknowledging their child is attending school or child care in conditional status.
- Children must be up to date on their immunizations. This means they've received all the vaccine doses they're eligible for before they can start school or child care.
- When the next catch-up dose is due, the parent or guardian must turn in documentation within 30 days after the due date. Valid documentation includes one of the following:
 - Medical records showing vaccination.
 - Evidence of immunity to the disease in question.
 - A completed [Certificate of Exemption form](#).
- If documentation is not received by the required date, the child must, by law, be excluded from further attendance, per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.210.120.

More information is available in the Conditional Status FAQ (PDF) available in the conditional status section of the School and Child Care Immunization web page at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI>.