

Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Meeting

May 5, 2022

Chair/Facilitator:

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Washington State Pharmacy Association

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Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials

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Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials

Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officers

American Indian Health Commission

Washington State Department of Health Staff Presenters:

SheAnne Allen

Hannah Febach

Kelley Meder

Katherine Graff

Mary Huynh

Topic	Presented Information
Welcome, Announcements, Introductions Dr. Tao Kwan-Gett	Dr. Tao Kwan-Gett welcomed the committee members, including new member Dr. Alisa Kachikis, and VAC members gave introductions.
Immunizations Program Update Mary Huynh	Mary Huynh provided an immunization program update. Michele Roberts has been officially appointed as Assistant Secretary for the Prevention & Community Health Division at the Department. The Office of Immunization Director role is now vacant and recruitment has started. Hopeful to have that position filled by July 2022.
Land Acknowledgement Dr. Tao Kwan-Gett	Dr. Tao Kwan-Gett provided a land acknowledgment.
Conflict of Interest & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Hannah Febach	Hannah read the VAC Conflict of Interest Policy. Dr. Alisa Kachikis mentioned her involvement on publications funded by pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Merck. VAC discussed as a group whether this should limit her involvement in the meeting that day. Since there were no action items on the agenda related to COVID19 vaccine, they decided to allow her to continue participating in the VAC meeting. The minutes from January 13, 2022 meeting were approved.
COVID-19 Vaccine Response Director Update SheAnne Allen	COVID-19 Vaccine Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This week we are celebrating 500 days of domestic of COVID-19 vaccination. As of May 4th, 81.1% 5 and up have received at least one vaccine dose - Daily average administration rate 10,885 vaccines/7 day - Focusing on new strategies for upping vaccination rates for 5-11 year age group - Looking at the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) to improve lessening the equity gap and provide access points and remove barriers - Investigating different campaign strategies and performing market research to look at race/ethnicity vaccination trends COVID-19 vaccination schedule for people who are not moderately or severely immunocompromised updated Special Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power of Providers – newly established advisory committee of health professionals to promote trusted messenger relationship, looking to expand from COVID-19 vaccine to include routine vaccines. Recently conducted mailing over 400,000 providers in Washington. Currently developing messaging in Spanish. - Care-a-van launched almost 1 year ago in June 2021. Over 14,000 doses administered as of 5/1/22. - Mass vaccination sites administered close to 400,000 doses over the past year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nurse mobile teams - COVID-19 site visits provide education on storage and handling, identify compliance with COVID-19 vaccine program. The team conducted over 500 visits since June 2021. - 17 vaccine depots have been set up across the state. Total doses transferred total over 700,000 with over 600 providers. <p>Ongoing campaigns target young adults, booster dose promotion, Black/African Americans, Hispanic/Latinx, 5-11 age group populations.</p> <p>Working with Washington’s Health Care Authority to develop resources for providers on COVID-19 policies on billing</p> <p>Moving forward: pediatric vaccinations, priority populations, additional boosters</p> <p>ACIP has 3 meetings scheduled in June (subject to change) – June 8, 21, and 22.</p>
<p>Transitional Kindergarten Guidance Update</p> <p>Katherine Graff</p>	<p>Background: Transitional kindergarten is a program for children below the age of 5 who do not have access to high-quality learning experiences prior to kindergarten. It is considered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a grade under RCW 28A.150.315.</p> <p>School immunization requirements now include transitional kindergarten and preschool in accordance with CDC schedule.</p> <p>Recommend looking at Individual Vaccine Requirements Summary – includes minimal rules, catch up schedule for children to help parents determine whether their child is in compliance.</p> <p>Resources on DOH webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School and child care immunization page has up to date information on requirements. - 2022-23 changes – 1 page flyer - Early learning and child care flyer
<p>COVID19 Vaccination Rates: Medicaid Population</p> <p>Chris Chen</p>	<p>Review Apple Health COVID-19 Vaccination Rates - https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/covid-vaccination-rates-fact-sheet.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can pull report on coverage rates by county - Consistently lower rates of vaccination for Medicaid versus the general population - Facilitating outreach and partnership with local health and HCA <p>DOH Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus groups created in partnership with DOH on effective messaging for vaccine-hesitant populations
<p>Childhood Immunization Rates Update and Discussion</p> <p>Kelley Meder</p>	<p>COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on routine childhood immunization rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently administration is 13.1% lower compared to pre-pandemic levels <p>Results- all age groups saw a decline in vaccination rates except 13-17 year-olds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19–35-month old’s – 9.6% overall decrease in coverage for the series – trend is unclear - 4-6-year-olds – 3.9% decrease in coverage for the series – an initial sharp decline

	<p>which eases with time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 11-12-year-olds – 3.6% overall decrease in coverage in the series – increase in Dec 2019 and 2021- 13-17 year-olds – 1.3% overall increase in coverage for the series. Tdap, HPV, and MCV rates remained relatively stable <p>Efforts to increase vaccination rates include reminder recall messaging, supporting resources, identifying at-risk populations and improving vaccination access. The team is currently in the process of putting together a full report, including a 1-pager, which will be available online.</p>
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Public Comments:

Public comments were received during the meeting. Questions and comments regarded VAC meeting dates, vaccination recommendations, and vaccine administration data. As a reminder, the Committee does not respond directly to comments. Members receive comments and take them into consideration during discussions.