

Attendees

Margie Boyd, Lisa Condran, Marie Dressler, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Tom Locke, Apple Martine, Lisa McKenzie, Lori Fleming, Molly Parker, Rick Thompson, Jenny Watkins, Carrie Schaff

Notes

Molly Parker introduced Carrie Schaff. Carrie is a Care Gap Closer working with insurance plans to identify patients who are due for preventative health actions, including immunizations

AGENDA ITEM ONE: UPDATED IMMUNIZATION DATA SHEET WITH 2018 DATA

- Lisa M. shared updated immunization data just released by the Department of Health (DOH). DOH added a technical note that to their data reports for 2018 stating that they changed the way they capture population data in 2018 and they will continue this going forward. The method is more inclusive, to make sure that children that don't look active in the database are still counted and not missed. This could make the rates look lower than with the previous method so the 2018 rates aren't really comparable to previous years. This will set a new baseline for rates going forward.
- The CHIP immunization data sheet now includes comparison rates for Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Most rates for 2018, including the State, Jefferson, and Kitsap rates, decreased a bit in 2018 due to the new methodology. The Clallam County rate saw an increase in 2018 from being quite low in 2017. This could be due to a clinic coming on line with submitting immunization record data.
- If a clinic knows that a family has moved out of Jefferson County the clinic staff can go into WAIS and inactivate those children and parents so that they aren't included in our population.
- The data sheet includes two tables – the first is from a report Lisa M. can run from WAIS. She has access to the population and immunization rate data only for children that have received an immunization here in Jefferson County. The second table is DOH data from WAIS and includes all children living in Jefferson County even if they haven't received an immunization, or if they've received them out of County. DOH can see records in WAIS that were initially added through birth certificate data and children's records are added and updated when immunization records are entered.

AGENDA ITEM TWO: NEW MEASLES VACCINE EXEMPTION LAW

- Fact sheets on the new Measles Exemption Law changes were provided. The new DOH MMR Vaccine Exemption Law Change 2019 page has helpful information:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/ExemptionLawChange>
JCPH sent this to the schools when it was posted. Personal and philosophical exemptions are no longer allowed for the MMR. Medical and religious exemptions continue to be allowed. Providers are not required to verify the religious exemption claim. Providers are signing the exemption form saying that they have had the risk-benefit discussion with the parent.
- The DOH FAQ pages will answer many questions for providers, schools, childcare, and general public, see the links on the DOH page.

- All staff and volunteers that provide care or supervision for children in childcare centers and programs licensed to provide Early Childhood Education are required to show proof of one measles immunization or a positive blood titer. Locally, this applies to Head Start, Early Head Start, and Cedarbrook Early Learning Center. Head Start and Early Head Start are located at Salish Coast and Chimacum Creek Primary Schools. YMCA may be applying for a license for childcare for ages 5-12, not early childhood.
- Port Townsend schools sent out a parent letter this week using the DOH template. They have had posters in the schools since April and have been using social media to share information on the new school immunization policy and the immunization 30-day exclusion deadline of October 7th, 2019. They did robocalls in April and are scheduled for more July. They targeted all students with exemptions or that are out of compliance, incoming kindergartners, and fifth graders.
- Chimacum Schools will be sending out information about the MMR changes in August before school starts. They have information about immunization requirements in their kindergarten registration packets.
- The new Certificate of Exemption separates MMR out, only religious and medical exemptions are allowed. A provider signature is required, stating they have provided risk-benefit education. At the bottom of the form is the Religious Membership Exemption section, for those stating they belong to a church that objects to the use of medical treatment, such as the Christian Science Church. If they sign this section, they do not need a provider visit or signature. We have no authority to verify this claim. We have had very few of these exemptions in the past.
- The new form also asks for the provider's WA state license number.
- In response to this new requirement, JCPH had a request from Carrie Ehrhardt at PTHS for an immunization clinic on one of the sports physical days. Due to this unusual year JCPH will have an immunization Clinic at PTHS on Monday 8/19/19 from 9-3. This was included on postcards about sports physicals sent out by PTHS. Blue Heron and Salish Coast will also be sending out information.
- Jefferson Healthcare (JHC) is holding late hours immunization clinics on 8/12/19 and 9/2/19 at the Townsend Clinic from 12-7pm, walk-in.
- JCPH is planning a possible Chimacum School clinic in September after school starts. Letters for the sports physicals in August have already gone out. Chimacum School is being remodeled, so the space may not be available until later in September.
- The Jefferson Healthcare South County Clinic in Quilcene is thinking about having a Health Fair in October. They should have flu vaccine available then as well. They may be able to do school immunizations that day. Carrie will follow up with them.
- John Nowak isn't here today, but is planning to organize an immunization clinic at Brinnon School again this fall.
- There is a new digital reader board for announcements in Quilcene at the school which would be a great way to advertise any special clinics.

SUMMARY OF PLANNED RESPONSE

- JCPH Clinic @ PTHS on 8/19/19, 9-3pm
- JCPH will work with Chimacum schools on possible clinic date, depending on their construction completion date.
- JHC holding a late hours clinics 8/12/19 and 9/2/19, 12-7pm
- JHC planning to do a clinic @ Brinnon School, date TBD
- JHC will discuss possibilities for the Quilcene Clinic.

This law covers private schools as well, Sunfield Farm, Swan School, Jefferson Community School

The law also applies to homeschool students if they participate in any activities at a school, including sports. (Lisa confirmed this after the meeting).

AGENDA ITEM 3 – OTHER UPDATES

- Margie trained Early Head Start staff on how to use WAIS.
- Margie revised the School-Based Clinics' Immunization Consent Form to make it easier for parents and students to understand, so they can fill out their requests and send it to the clinic with the student. It's on the school web page in the clinic section.
- JCPH has been trying to put up more immunization related Facebook posts. JHC is also posting more on their FB page.
- Dr. Parker has been working with the Birth Center nurses on the hepatitis B birth dose. She is increasing communication between primary care and the Birth Center about the consent for this immunization, with plans to have the consent signed during prenatal visits.
- The Birth Center ordered more WA state Immunization Record cards to provide parents. Dr. Parker asked them to resume providing these to parents, a nurse called Margie for information on ordering.
- JHC has added the MyIR webpage and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) web app to all of the Well Child After Visit summaries. These are also at the Birth Center.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Request to think about Next Steps, for discussion at next meeting

Next meeting set for 10/31/19, 9am @ JCPH's Pacific Room