



## New Requirements for Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine.

The Washington State Department of Health has issued a new school immunization requirement for Varicella (chickenpox).

Chickenpox disease is spread easily through the air and causes a rash, itching, fever and tiredness. It can be serious for young persons and can cause a potentially very serious disease called shingles even years after the person had chickenpox.

State law now requires that students in Grades K – 12 have 2 doses of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine.

If your child has not had 2 doses of Chickenpox vaccine please do one of the following **BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL in September:**

- Get two doses of chickenpox vaccine (or one dose if the student has already had one dose) before the start of school, OR
- Get a blood test that shows the student is immune to the disease, OR
- Get a letter or signature on the Certificate of Immunization Status from a licensed healthcare provider to verify that your student had chickenpox disease in the past, OR
- Get a Certificate of Exemption signed by your licensed healthcare provider.

Report the results to your student's school nurse or to Student Health Services. The address for Student Health Services is:

Student Health Services  
Mail Stop 31-650  
PO Box 34165  
Seattle, WA 98124-1165  
Fax 206-252-0751

For more information please see the Washington State Department of Health website, contact your school nurse, or call Health Services at 206-252-0750.

Washington State Department of Health:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/VaricellaVaccineRequirement>

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-295-SchoolImmRegforParents2016-2017.pdf>