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*\* NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

## No Cost MMR Vaccine Now Available for Uninsured Child Care Workers and Volunteers of Licensed Child Care Centers

### **Actions Requested**

1. Check vaccination status of volunteers and child care workers to assure they are immunized against measles. Have those who are not see their health care provider or for those who are uninsured refer them to the participating pharmacy in Thurston County:  
Safeway Pharmacy (Store #1464)  
3215 Harrison Avenue NW, Olympia, WA 98502  
(360) 956-3827

### **BACKGROUND**

The Washington State Department of Health is collaborating with Safeway Inc. and Albertsons Companies LLC and with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to offer no cost measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination for uninsured child care workers and volunteers. As of July 28, 2019, Washington state law will require staff and volunteers of licensed child care centers to be immunized against measles.

Fifteen Albertsons and Safeway pharmacies across the state will offer MMR vaccine at no charge through June 2020 to uninsured child care staff and volunteers who need it. The pharmacies will also waive the administration fee. The cost and fees will also be waived for those who are underinsured and cannot afford the vaccine.

A list of participating pharmacy locations can be found on the Department of Health's website. Child care staff and volunteers who have insurance also have options to get vaccinated. MMR vaccine for those age 19 and older is covered by most insurance companies and by Medicare and Apple Health (Medicaid). Learn more about the cost and coverage of adult vaccines at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/Adult/FAQ#4>. Washington also provides recommended vaccines at no cost to everyone under the age of 19.

The effort is a collaboration between Safeway and Albertsons; the Department of Health; the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; and the Washington State Pharmacy Association.

### **Resources:**

Washington DOH – Information about the change in law:  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/ExemptionLawChange>

Washington DOH – Participating pharmacy locations:  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/ExemptionLawChange/MMRVaccinationforChildCareWorkers>

Washington DOH – Measles information:  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Measles/Measles2019>

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SECTION  
THURSTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
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OLYMPIA, WA, 98506-5132  
DISEASE REPORTING: (360)786-5470 INFORMATION: (360) 867-2533  
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## THANK YOU FOR REPORTING!

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY	
Voice mail for reporting Non- <b>immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)</b>	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
<b>Day time immediately reportable conditions</b>	360-867-2500 ask staff to locate Communicable Disease staff
<b>After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency</b>	Call 911 and ask staff to locate the Health Officer.  If calling from outside Thurston County, call 360-704-2740 and ask staff to locate the Health Officer.
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is <b>immediately notifiable</b>	1-877-539-4344