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DIVISION 105. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL [120100 - 122476] (*Division 105 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 7.)*

PART 2. IMMUNIZATIONS [120325 - 120480] (*Part 2 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 7.)*

CHAPTER 1.7. Meningococcal Immunization [120395 - 120399] (*Chapter 1.7 added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 372, Sec. 1.)*

120395. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall, no later than April 1, 2010, develop information about meningococcal disease, including information pertaining to children who are between 11 and 18 years of age. The information may include a recommendation that children between 11 and 18 years of age be vaccinated. The information shall include:

(1) Information about meningococcal disease, including symptoms, risks, and treatment.

(2) Notice of the availability, benefits, risks, and limitations of a meningococcus vaccination, with specific information as to those persons at higher risk for the disease.

(b) The department shall make available to each degree-granting public and private postsecondary institution, upon the request of that institution, information developed by the department on meningococcal disease.

(c) The department shall also send an information notice to each school district advising each school district of the availability of information developed by the department, and shall make the information available to any school district upon the request of that school district.

(d) The department may also use the information developed to design and implement a public awareness campaign about meningococcal disease to reach members of the population identified as being at high risk for contracting the disease.

(e) The State Department of Education may add the above-described information about meningococcal disease to any health education material that is sent home to parents of students who are at least 11 years of age.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 176, Sec. 2. (SB 249) Effective January 1, 2010.)

120396. Each degree-granting public postsecondary educational institution that provides on-campus housing in the state shall, beginning with the 2002–03 school year, do all of the following:

(a) Provide information on meningococcal disease developed pursuant to Section 120395 to each incoming freshman who has been accepted for admission to the postsecondary educational institution and who will be residing in on-campus housing. The information shall include a response form with space in which to indicate that the incoming freshman has received the information about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccine to prevent one from contracting the disease. The form shall include space for the incoming freshman to indicate whether or not he or she has chosen to receive the vaccination, and a space for his or her signature.

(b) Require each incoming freshman to return to the postsecondary educational institution a form with a response as to whether the person received the information, and whether or not the person chooses to receive the vaccination.

(c) Maintain the completed forms received from students in accord with the institution's health care records policy.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the postsecondary educational institution to provide the vaccination to the students.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 372, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.)

120397. Each degree-granting private postsecondary educational institution that provides on-campus housing in the state shall adopt a policy to notify all incoming students about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccination, beginning with the 2002–03 school year. The Legislature encourages those institutions to consider all of the following in adopting the policy:

(a) Providing information on meningococcal disease developed pursuant to Section 120395 to each prospective student who has been accepted for admission to the postsecondary institution prior to the student's matriculation into the institution. The information may include a response form with space in which to indicate that the prospective student has received the information about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccine to prevent one from contracting the disease. The form shall include space for the prospective student to indicate whether or not he or she has chosen to receive the vaccination, and a space for his or her signature.

(b) Requiring each prospective student to return to the postsecondary educational institution a form with a response as to whether or not the person received the information, and whether or not the person chooses to receive the vaccination.

(c) Maintaining the completed forms received from students in accordance with the institution's health care records policy.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the postsecondary educational institution to provide the vaccination to students.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 372, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.)

120398. Each public and private postsecondary educational institution shall maintain the confidentiality of information obtained pursuant to Section 120396 or 120397 in the same manner as other confidential student information is maintained by the institution. Each institution is subject to civil action and criminal penalties for the wrongful disclosure of the information, in accordance with other provisions of law.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 372, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.)

120399. No provision of this chapter shall apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make applicable the provision of the chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 372, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.)