



## Policy Team

Friday, November 8, 2019

Charlie Hunt, Team Lead (unavailable today, please note feedback & recommendations for Charlie)

**John Eplee, MD, Facilitator**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Kansas for Health Freedom Messaging and Communications Related to Vaccines
  - a. Review Email Samples
  - b. Website: <https://www.kshf.org/>
  - c. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/kansansforhealthfreedom/>
  - d. Discussion of IKC Response to Messaging (if any) and IKC Role in Educating Legislators on Vaccines
3. School Exemptions and Promotion of Model School Exclusion Policy
  - a. Review Dr. Eplee Letter – Edits or Updates?
  - b. Possible Policy Revision – Discussion Point from Kimber

In looking at the policy it states:

1. Any pupil who does not comply with the above immunization requirements **shall** be excluded from school. Prior to each exclusion deadline, written notice regarding the policy and required immunizations will be provided to the parent. The exclusion date will be [six weeks after the student's enrollment date].

For example, WPS started 8/14/2019. 6 weeks from that date would be September 25<sup>th</sup>, which would fall after the exclusion date, however, parents may be taking their student out of school the week prior to the date to get needed immunizations, which in the long run, could impact our official enrollment date of 9/20 each year.

Would it be possible to state something like this? –

The exclusion date will be prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> each school year. (This would allow each district to determine their date around the official enrollment date. OR

The exclusion date will be 8 weeks after the student's enrollment date.

Our district has been utilizing a Thursday in October that is prior to a Friday and Monday off. For example, our exclusion date this year is Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We are out of school on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for a non-duty teacher work day and Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for a district in-service day. This allows families 2 days to either gather records or get the shots.

Suggestion:

1. On or before May 15, the school shall notify in writing the parents or guardians of the following school year's immunization requirements. Official healthcare provider documents may be utilized to update vaccination records of currently enrolled students.

Would the law have to be changed to change the date of notifying parents by May 15<sup>th</sup>? Could the wording be that the parents would be notified prior to the last day of school?

4. Other Business
5. Meeting Report Out and Discussion Points for Full Coalition