

(Effective September 1, 2025)

WAC 246-366A-003 Implementation. (1) Implementation of this chapter, in whole or in part, requires one or more of the following actions:

(a) Authorization of expenditures in the Omnibus Appropriations Act for the expressed purpose of funding implementation for public schools;

(b) Repeal, modification or expiration of statutory restrictions on implementation; or

(c) Enactment of any statute or resolution authorizing implementation.

(2) The state board of health shall amend as necessary any order adopting this chapter, filed in accordance with RCW 34.05.060, and any effective dates listed therein to ensure no portion of this rule is implemented at a time and in a manner prohibited by the legislature.

(3) Before implementing this rule, in whole or in part, the state board of health, in addition to filing an amended rule making order for publication in the *Washington State Register*, shall provide notice of implementation.

(a) The notice shall identify the action taken by the legislature that allows for implementation, the section or sections of chapter 246-366A WAC being implemented as a result of that action, the effective date or dates for each section or sections, the corresponding section or sections of chapter 246-366 WAC that will be superseded or repealed, and a brief explanation of significant differences between the requirements of this chapter that are being implemented and the corresponding requirements of chapter 246-366 WAC.

(b) The state board of health shall maintain a roster of interested persons and shall send an electronic copy of the notice to each person on the roster as well as to the following agencies and organizations:

(i) The Washington state code reviser;

(ii) The Washington state department of health;

(iii) The Washington state office of superintendent of public instruction;

(iv) Washington state local health jurisdictions;

(v) Washington state professional associations representing school officials;

(vi) The Washington federation of independent schools;

(vii) Washington state labor organizations representing school employees;

(viii) The Washington state association of local public health officials;

(ix) The Washington state PTA; and

(x) The Washington state legislature through the chairs of the fiscal, health, and education committees of both houses.

(c) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall forward, to the extent possible, the notice of implementation electronically to school districts and approved private schools.

(4) The state board of health shall maintain a web page showing the sections of this chapter that have been or are scheduled to be implemented, their effective dates, and the corresponding sections of chapter 246-366 WAC that have been or will be superseded or repealed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 10-01-174, 10-12-018, 11-10-080, 13-09-040, 15-09-070, 17-14-055, 19-14-107, 21-14-056,

22-14-021, 23-16-005, and 24-14-089, § 246-366A-003, filed 12/22/09, 5/21/10, 5/3/11, 4/11/13, 4/15/15, 6/28/17, 7/2/19, 7/1/21, 6/24/22, 7/19/23, and 6/28/24, effective 9/1/25.]