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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Vaccine Advisory Committee Child Care Representative Seat Recruitment

In 1994, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) established the Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) to provide guidance on medical recommendations to control vaccine-preventable diseases in Washington. The VAC is currently recruiting a Child Care Representative to advise on vaccine policy, access, and implementation impacts within child care and early learning settings. This is a voluntary, unpaid position.

The VAC is seeking someone with experience in child care or early learning systems who can offer practical, on-the-ground insight into how immunization guidance and policies impact providers, families, and the child care workforce. This perspective is critical to advancing equitable vaccination strategies for young children across diverse settings.

DOH strongly encourages applications from individuals with experience serving rural or underserved communities, particularly those representing regions not currently reflected on the committee. Lived or professional experience working east of the Cascade Mountains, or in communities facing barriers to vaccine access, is especially valued. Applications from individuals representing professional or community based organizations with such perspectives are also welcome. These perspectives will help ensure VAC recommendations reflect Washington's full geographic and community diversity.

The Department's State Health Officer, Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, MD, MPH, chairs the Vaccine Advisory Committee with support from the Office of Immunization Director, Jamilia Sherls, DNP, MPH, RN. The VAC meets quarterly to discuss vaccine-related issues, serve as an advisory body to the Washington State Department of Health, and support efforts to maximize the benefits of vaccines in preventing disease and disability across the lifespan.

The committee includes representatives with expertise in Tribal health, vaccinology, preventative medicine, vaccine-preventable disease management, pediatrics, epidemiology, family practice, naturopathic medicine, school health, health care purchasing, pharmacy, internal medicine, perinatal health, and public health.

Members attend quarterly meetings in January, April, July, and October on the second Thursday of the month. January, July, and October meetings are held via Zoom and run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April meetings are hybrid (in-person and Zoom) and run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate both formats.

Important VAC information to review:

Additional information about the VAC is available at the links below:

- [VAC Membership Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy](#)
- [VAC webpage](#), including the VAC Purpose Statement, past meeting materials, meeting location information, and other resources.

If you are interested in joining the VAC, please submit your resume and a statement of interest (500 words or fewer) to vaccineadvisorycommittee@doh.wa.gov by February 18, 2026.

Recruitment Timeline

Step	Timeframe
Open recruitment	February 2, 2026
Resume and statement of interest submission due	February 18, 2026
Submission review and candidate selection	End of February
Notification	Beginning of March