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Wisconsin United For Freedom Announces Public Hearing on New Vaccine Requirements for Wisconsin Children

Madison, WI (February 15, 2023) – After weeks of proactive citizen lobbying efforts by members of Wisconsin United for Freedom (WUFF), there will be a public hearing to discuss a newly implemented rule change by Wisconsin Department of Health Services, one of which would add an additional required vaccine onto Wisconsin’s Required schedule for school entry.

The hearing will be held at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023. The time and hearing room location will be announced soon.

Wisconsin DHS proposed some rule changes a few years ago that just recently went into effect Feb. 1, 2023, one of which **added the meningococcal vaccine to Wisconsin's vaccine requirements** for 7th and 12th graders.

“We do not want any additional vaccines added to WI's required vaccination schedule, and we have the chance with this hearing to show up as a community and ensure our voices are heard. Wisconsin DHS should not be unilaterally making additional vaccine requirements for Wisconsin children without legislative oversight, and frankly - this is not even a discussion that should be had outside of a doctor’s office between a parent and their trusted healthcare provider,” said Erin Runk, Co-Founder of Wisconsin United For Freedom.

DHS has already alerted day care centers and schools of the new updates, in many cases without providing additional reminders that Wisconsin has personal, religious, and medical vaccination exemptions.

The details of this rule change (CR19-079) can officially be found here: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/misc/chr/lc_rulertext/cr_19_079_rule_text_filed_with_lc_clearinghouse.pdf

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