

# The Truth: No internment of unvaccinated individuals

Many of you are concerned about information you've read or heard that leads you to believe the State Board of Health (SBOH) is going to do two things:

1. Vote on Jan. 12 to add the COVID vaccination to the list of vaccines required for all K-12 students, and
2. Vote on Jan. 12 to create vaccine detainment or internment camps for those who are not vaccinated.

***This information is not true.***

One of the items on the SBOH's agenda says:

*1:30 p.m. 9. Rules Hearing Continuance– Communicable and Other Certain Diseases, Chapter 246-100 WAC – Testimony Will Be Taken – Possible Action*

***Under no circumstances will there be any such vote at the meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12.***

***Background:***

*Among the 26 WAC sections in Chapter 246-100, there are seven which relate to a local health officer's authority in his/her jurisdiction to make someone isolate or quarantine to control the spread of a communicable disease. Washington is not exceptional in this regard as all 50 states have these laws on the books either in statute or, as is the case in our state, in code or both.*

*In 2020, HB 1551 passed to destigmatize and modernize the HIV/AIDS language in statute in Washington. Since that bill passed into law, the SBOH has been reviewing the HIV/AIDS code sections, which are also housed in WAC 246-100, and has been holding regular public discussions at each SBOH meeting to either propose language revisions or act on the duties prescribed in HB 1551. These efforts have been routine at SBOH meetings since 2020 and will continue into the future.*

***Truth:***

**Because a slot for WAC 246-100 appears on every SBOH meeting agenda, some people are saying that the SBOH is going to vote on rounding up unvaccinated people to take away their individual liberties and put them in state-run COVID internment camps.**

**THIS IS NOT TRUE.** No such vote to consider the internment of unvaccinated individuals will occur, nor is it even being considered. No one will be interred.

Read this [statement from the State Board of Health](#) confirming that there will be no type of action on any isolation and quarantine WACs and no vote on the COVID vaccine being added to the list of required K-12 immunizations at the SBOH meeting on Jan. 12.

***Informed Choice of Washington petition:***

Informed Choice of Washington has submitted a petition to the SBOH arguing that the authorization for the COVID vaccines was provided for emergency use and should not be added to the list of required vaccinations for K-12 students. The SBOH will hear this petition on Jan. 12.