

Public Comment Summary

**DOCKET NO. 16-0000-1900 and 16-0000-1900F
(Omnibus Dockets for Reauthorization of the Department's Rule Chapters)**

This summary document includes all public comments received in writing and during the six public hearings conducted by the Department in August 2019.

Public Meetings were held as follows:

**Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (MDT)
Medicaid Central Office 3232 Elder Street Conf. Rooms D East & D West Boise, ID 83705
Facilitator: Tamara Prisock**

**Friday, August 23, 2019 1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. (MDT)
Region VII Office 150 Shoup Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Facilitator: Chris Freeburne**

**Monday, August 26, 2019 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. (PDT)
Region I Office 1120 Ironwood Drive Lower Level, Conf. Room Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Facilitator: Joyce Broadsword**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. (PDT)
Lewiston State Office Bldg. 1118 F Street 3rd Floor Conf. Room Lewiston, ID 83501
Facilitator: Joyce Broadsword**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:00 p.m - 4:30 p.m. (PDT)
Grangeville Senior Center 108 Truck Route Road Grangeville, ID 83530
Facilitator: Joyce Broadsword**

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (MDT)
Region V Office 601 Poleline Road Main Conference Room Twin Falls, ID 83301
Facilitator: Chris Freeburne**

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Verbal and written comments were submitted by the following individuals/organizations:

Written	Verbal	Person Making Comment	Comment
16.02.15			
	✓	Julie True	<p>Due to the changes by this department in April, all the rules governing immunization requirements for Idaho school children no longer line up with Idaho statute 39.48.01 and 39.48.02. The word “child” has been replaced by “student” throughout the section so all these rules are unlawful. No record of notification for public query was posted regarding changes. Administrative rules clearly define “child” as a minor who is enrolled in school from preschool to 12th grade. “Student” can mean adults enrolled in schools as well and adults cannot be required to be vaccinated without a statute. The rules would have to be rewritten to accurately reflect current Idaho statute. However, that did not happen. The entire section does not line up with statute. The health and welfare of my children is my responsibility not the responsibility of legislatures and bureaucrats. Medical choices should be mandated by the state.</p>
16.06.01			
	✓	Jill Watts	<p>These two rules state that any time CPS is investigating or comprehensive assessment and interview with the child concerned in the report must be conducted. But 83% of CPS investigations result in unsubstantiated claims. That and the presumption of innocence and no search and seizure without a warrant, CPS cannot require an interview with a child. Under the 14th Amendment, the parents can simply state no thanks. Even with a warrant, children can simply remain silent and refuse to answer during an interview. It is kind of ridiculous to have a rule that states something must be done that can’t actually be done per the Constitution.</p>
	✓	Alicia Helene	<p>These rules do not benefit the public, fiscal or otherwise. They place a burden on individuals and provide a benefit to the agency and government officials. These rules are not deemed necessary nor do they provide any benefit. Anywhere there are clear medical risks there must be clear and informed consent. This is not the case for the rules regulating mandatory vaccinations. The meningitis rules enforcing mandatory vaccination is in clear violation of statute if it hasn’t been changed. Any forced medical testing on anyone is a clear violation of informed consent. Agencies are acting outside the scope of the US Constitution and Idaho Constitution. There is clear violations of basic human rights</p>

			as protected by the US Constitution when parents are investigated by CPS without due process of law, no clear crime committed, and guilty until proven innocent.
16.02.15, 16.03.09, 16.06.12, 16.02.12 and 16.06.01 and 02			
	✓	Ashley Everly	As a toxicologist I am here to discuss rules that may restrict medical freedom to the people of Idaho with special attention to immunizations. I was trained to conduct medical research in order to determine whether the amount of or exposure to any biological or chemical substance including pharmaceutical drugs is safe or toxic. I witnessed vaccine injury with my own eyes. After my research, what I learned is that neither the public, nor our legislators, or even are medical professionals are made aware of the growing amount of medical research that shows not only have vaccines been shown to be linked to childhood illnesses but aren't nearly as effective as we once thought they were. I'm here to stress the importance that we do not go the way of other states by sacrificing medical freedoms for the sake of public health goals that cannot be accomplished.
	✓ (also written)	Miste Karlfeldt	Health Freedom Idaho believes the ultimate responsibility to protect the health of the child lies with the parents. The role of politicians is to protect parental rights, bodily autonomy and medical freedom. Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a requirement or mandate. DHW must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. Rule 16.03.09 must be stricken. DHW must be more transparent when it comes to parental rights and Idaho law and in no way punish or reward an at-risk population for an elective medical procedure. 16.06.12 must be stricken. This rule does not clarify that exemptions are available. Rule 16.02.12 should not be state mandated medical procedures. 16.06.1 and 2 is unconstitutional by the rights of the 4 th and 14 th Amendments.
16.02.15			
	✓	Heather Gagliano	I ask that you keep the immunization rules just as they are. My concern is that if they are loosened vaccine rates will go down and when rates go down, diseases go up.
All rules			
	✓	Jinny Peterson	The rule system was originally made to clarify existing law not create it. Therefore, it is not appropriate for the DHW and Governor to circumvent the legislative process. Every one of the rules up today infringe on our individual rights and liberties. I recommend the Governor veto these rules, and that all other new legislation go through the proper legislative channels.
16.02.15			
	✓	Shalee Brindley	When we don't have choice, we have no freedom.
	✓	Sara Walton Brady	I testified against the change from "child" to "student" during legislative session. School aged children defined as age 5-21 years of age but in Idaho you become an adult at age 18. The change to

			“student” included adults. DHW cannot make law but the IDAPA rules have the force of law. In Idaho law, exemptions are for “child” not adults. DHW is circumventing that law.
	✓	Karen Sharpnack	Fact: 68% of Idahoans oppose changes that would loosen immunization requirements. Fact: 90% of Idahoans believe vaccines are safe, effective. Fact: 89% believe in the importance of getting immunizations on time and according to guidelines. Vaccines are a modern miracle that allow people to live longer, healthy lives. The Idaho Immunization Coalition supports DHW and the current immunization rules. Fact: vaccines save lives.
	✓	Chelsea Rivera	I have two children, one of which struggled with a lot of health issues. While I believe in the great advances made by the medical community I also believe in the importance of parents being aware of what is being administered to their children. The vaccine industry has been lying the public for years without consequence, accountability and remorse. It is imperative that the public know what harm can be done and what harm induced due to medical science’s inability or unwillingness to change. However, the option of educating ourselves and each other will be rendered useless if our government gets its way. Where there is risk there must also be choice.
	✓	Colene Letterle	The time to prevent and protect against diseases is before children are exposed. I stand in support of the current vaccine rules.
	✓	Grayson Kendell	As a doctorate student in pharmacy I have a different take on immunizations. Relaxing the current Idaho vaccination rules will greatly increase the likelihood that susceptible children will be exposed to a vaccine preventable disease. I implore you to strengthen the rules against vaccine preventable diseases and deaths.
	✓ (also written)	Raine Saunders	I am gravely concerned with upcoming proposed rules. I’m concerned these rules will go against parental choice for immunizations. I honestly request that you take into consideration my position in these areas. When there are risks to these vaccines and medical treatment there should be education and transparency, protection of choice and not rules that are primarily catering to organizations and government agencies and corporations. The proposed measures in these dockets represent a clear violation of human rights, they go beyond the scope of the agencies and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance.
	✓ (also written)	Sherry McAnelly	Respectfully ask that you prefer informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor patient privilege in Idaho and leave all medical decisions in the hands of parents and their doctors. These rules go beyond the scope of the law by coercing parents. The rule allowing CPS investigations should be stricken as unconstitutional. They allow CPS to be outside the scope of the US Constitution, violating rights of the 4 th and 14 th Amendment.
	✓	Kristin Lucas	We left California and chose Idaho because of the freedoms that are currently written in our Idaho constitution. We came here because of our concern that so many states were taking away our parental rights. I fully vaccinated my older children, but they have some health issues that my younger

			children don't have. I understand wanting what is best for the masses but at what cost to the individual? I like my freedoms, I like my liberties, it's why we chose Idaho. Please keep it free.
	✓	Dr. Baker	The likelihood of getting some diseases protected by immunizations is very low. Immunizations that prevent bacterial diseases can be treated with anti-biotics. This conversation is not about risks of vaccines or ingredients. Why should I be forced to vaccinate my kids for a disease they will most likely not get and if they did I could treat them with modern medicine. I am proud of the fact that I live in a state that allows me to research vaccines and make my choice based on fear but on intelligence and education.
	✓	Kurtis Berger	My wife suffered a vaccine injury at the age of 26 years old from HPV vaccine. Mandation is compulsion. Compulsion can only be accomplished through government at the force of a gun. It is a fact that not a single vaccine in this country has gone through a double-blind study. You can't compulse something that you have no baseline for. It makes safe and effective just a slogan.
	✓	Pam Carson	We don't talk about the loss of employment from children having to stay home from school due to a vaccine preventable disease. We have to protect public health. The amount of time that school nurses in this area spend on vaccine compliance is astronomical. We need herd immunity to protect those children that can't get vaccines. I strongly advise that the rules for vaccines stay as they are currently.
	✓	Brandon Atkins	We have a large diversity here in this area. We need to be aware of varying opinions on what vaccines can and can't do and exemption rates. There are more than 80 communicable diseases in Idaho. Not all are preventable, but we need to prevent the ones we can. As a result of vaccine, we no longer have to worry about smallpox wiping out an entire community. We need to understand that not all vaccines are perfect, but a perfect vaccine doesn't exist and neither does a perfect health. By us choosing to vaccinate we are protecting those around us that cannot get vaccines.
	✓	Rebecca Coyle	I am in favor of the vaccine requirement that the state has put forth. Vaccines are incredibly safe, they are the number one most preventative thing we can do. It is a true modern miracle that we have options for vaccines. As the state, you have the benefit of looking out for the entire population. These rules provide a safety net for the entire population. Our state offers an incredibly lenient exemption policy.
	✓	Ashley Everly	Years ago, doctors did not have to actually test for polio. They received federal funding if they had cases of polio in their practices, so they were financially incentivized to diagnose polio. Once the vaccine was introduced the diagnostic criteria changed. This change in criteria resulted in a huge artificial drop in polio cases. We are seeing polio again not because we are giving out tons and tons of vaccines but because they are using the oral polio vaccine and it can actually cause polio. There is a lot more research we are not being given. The major pharmaceutical companies have all been convicted of fraud. The FDA covers up fraud in clinical trials. It's important to look at all of the science not just what we are being given.

16.02.11.05, 16.02.11.110, 16.02.15.105, 16.02.15.110			
	✓	Kurtis Berger	Follow the money. I don't think that doctors have the right information or want to push something evil on people. But their textbooks were funded by pharmaceutical companies and I think you are getting half of the story. VAERS was established to keep track of events related to vaccines. Harvard Medical was hired by the government to study the accuracy of VAERS. They found less than 1% accuracy was reported to VAERS. Put liability in place, hold people accountable, get rid of mandating. If a product is so great you shouldn't need to push it.
	✓ (also written)	Bill Drury	My company mandated the yellow fever vaccine. These rules are all exemptions that say, "check with your doctor". Doctors should not an exemption for any rules concerning immunizations. A family doctor understands the patient, the family history of the patient, and the history of him/herself. Immunizations should only be administered on the recommendation of their doctor. I am not opposed to vaccinations, I am opposed to mandatory vaccinations.
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✓		Kelly Zakariasen	Current rule allows only for prehospital licensed EMS agencies to be eligible to apply for the community health ems operational declaration. Unfortunately, this limits the abilities of otherwise qualified licensed ambulance transport agencies to offer this. Healthcare costs are skyrocketing. Community Health EMS programs are proving to reduce those costs considerably. I am asking that these rules be scrutinized and reconsidered to make the Community Health EMS operational declaration available to ANY licensed ambulance company who has the proper equipment, personnel, and clinical sophistication.
16..02.08 and 16.02.10			
✓		Tracy Drury	I oppose rule 16.02.08 because biological identification should still remain on birth records and identification. Anyone would agree that this confusion could make identifying an individual impossible in some cases and this needs further consideration. This does not serve Idahoans well and will not benefit us as a state in any way. I oppose rule 16.02.10 because the DHW director is not an elected official and should not hold any authority over any freeman in Idaho.
✓		Jill Watts	I oppose rule 16.02.08 because biological identification should still remain on birth records and identification. Anyone would agree that this confusion could make identifying an individual impossible in some cases and this needs further consideration. This does not serve Idahoans well and will not benefit us as a state in any way. I oppose rule 16.02.10 because the DHW director is not an elected official and should not hold any authority over any freeman in Idaho. In regard to the process that this is happening for rules to be opened back up for comments in hopes that citizens fail to notice their responsibilities to comment on a redundant process outside the parameters of code. The fact is we have no current responsibility, besides holding rogue departments, legislators and government officials accountable to first the Idaho Constitution and the people that you serve. For many reasons, I object to the re-approval of this rules as well as ALL 2019 Admin Rules as pertaining to the fact

			that all admin rules are set to expire July 1, 2019 as per Idaho Code. The Board of Health and Welfare has attempted to make critical changes after the vote by the Legislative Health and Welfare committee. Does the board of Health and Welfare have authority to make the modification after a vote? If yes, what is the purpose and impact of the vote if it can be altered later? If no, what is the implications of an agency that does not uphold to the rules in which they write? These modifications from “grounds” to “objections” no longer match statute as well as changes from “child” to “student”. It is very concerning that such disregards to following the rules by this agency is occurring and by officials who have not been elected. It is my voice that this should immediately be addressed and that all rules in this department be nullified as it pertains to code when such rules expire. No further actions to promulgate rules should be considered and this Board should be reprimanded to the full extent of the law. There is a clear public deception occurring and these rules have been commented on before and concerns have been voiced in the legislative committee.
✓		Susan Whitlow	I oppose rule 16.02.08 because biological identification should still remain on birth records and identification. Anyone would agree that this confusion could make identifying an individual impossible in some cases and this needs further consideration. This does not serve Idahoans well and will not benefit us as a state in any way. I oppose rule 16.02.10 because the DHW director is not an elected official and should not hold any authority over any freeman in Idaho.
16.02.11 and 16.02.15			
✓		Kyrstal Burke	I would like to comment on the Administration rules of 16.2.11 and 16.2.15. I would like to keep these rules as is. I believe that Idaho should continue to allow parental choice regarding vaccines.
✓ (also verbal)		Simona Mojzis	Requirement to sign consent for medical care when child is removed by CPS. This decision needs to remain in the hands of the parents. There are already policies in place for providing a child in temporary custody emergency care. The child in question still belongs to the parents and the parents should remain in control of the child’s routine medical care. It is irrational to ask the parents to provide a blanket medical consent signature. 16.02.11 and 15 is a mandate. It is not the government’s role to mandate medical care to Idaho children. This decision should be made by the parent in consultation with their child’s doctor, without coercion and under full informed consent. 16.02.12 again, it is not the role of the government to mandate or dictate medical care. This option could be offered to parents under complete informed consent without governmental coercion. 16.06.1 a child should never be routinely interviewed without parent presence. A child remains under the complete care and jurisdiction of the parents unless there is a court order to have the child removed or there are extenuating circumstances. Those laws are already in place in Idaho today.
✓ (also verbal)		Judy Call	There is an increasing tendency toward making too many rules and decisions which trample on the rights and obligations of private individuals to care for their own health. I see the noose tightening on vaccine exemptions in other states and some Idaho schools make parents jump through hoops to get these exemptions. I have done extensive research. My doctors and I know what my family health needs require. You do not. The schools do not. In addition, it has become evident that there is an

			ever-increasing influence by those who stand to gain financially by putting those kinds of rulings in place. Please respect your constituents right to choose and make it easier, not harder.
16.02.15			
✓		Jennifer Grosse	I request that you carefully consider the potential consequences of requiring additional booster shots of the meningococcal vaccine by 12 th grade and other booster requirements as listed in the proposed amendment 16.02.15. Parental rights in Idaho include the allowance of religious and medical exemptions. This proposed rule challenges that notion, whether in inference or reality. I would like to request that you not increase the vaccination program as this amended rule states.
16.3.04			
✓		Representative Julianne Young	I have received an inquiry from a constituent asking if rule 16.03.04 requires Food Stamp recipients to take drug tests? Is it possible to Ad Denial for failure to pass Drug Testing?
16.03.08			
✓		Lauren Necochea	I ask you to consider not reauthorizing costly and outdated administrative rules that include harmful savings penalties, also known as asset limits, in programs that help Idahoans meet their basic needs. Asset limits weaken a family's ability to achieve long-term financial stability and independence. These savings penalties, originally created to ensure public support not go to 'asset-rich individuals' are a relic of entitlement policies that no longer exist. Overall, 34 states have eliminated asset limits from food and cash assistance programs. By allowing IDAPA 16.03.08 Sections 200-208 to expire, you could eliminate the savings penalties through Broad Based Categorically Eligibility in both SNAP and TAFI, as states like Alabama have done. We request that you take this option into consideration as you and your administration seek to decrease unnecessary bureaucracy in state government.
16.03.05			
✓		Wesley Brinkman	I have read IDAPA 16.03.05 and I am in need of clarification on rule 838.02.b. It has come to my attention that this rule has been removed/changed/amended in some way so as to eliminate the 5% interest test as well as the insurer rating requirement. I am uncertain as to where this potential change would be recorded in the official archive of Idaho State Laws.
16.03.08			
✓		Christine Tiddens	I ask you to consider not reauthorizing costly and outdated administrative rules that include harmful savings penalties, also known as asset limits, in programs that help Idahoans meet their basic needs. Asset limits weaken a family's ability to achieve long-term financial stability and independence. These savings penalties, originally created to ensure public support not go to 'asset-rich individuals' are a relic of entitlement policies that no longer exist. Overall, 34 states have eliminated asset limits from food and cash assistance programs. By allowing IDAPA 16.03.08 Sections 200-208 to expire, you could eliminate the savings penalties through Broad Based Categorically Eligibility in both

			SNAP and TAFI, as states like Alabama have done. We request that you take this option into consideration as you and your administration seek to decrease unnecessary bureaucracy in state government.
16.06.01 and 02			
✓		Bruce Levi	Rule 16.06.01 and 02 are patently unconstitutional and should be removed from the administrative rules. Idaho CPS is in fact tyranny that in almost all cases offends the constitution and the established order of authority created by God. These rules state that anytime CPS is conducting an investigation or comprehensive safety assessment, the interview of a child concerning a child protection report MUST be conducted. 83% of CPS investigations are unsubstantiated, and with the presumption of innocence and constitutional protections of no seizure without a warrant, CPS cannot require an interview of any child. Interview of the child's immediate family mandatory in every case. Something can't be mandatory that is not constitutional. CPS will threaten to kidnap my children without due process if you tell them no, also known as coercion and bullying. CPS needs to be abolished for harming more children than they help.
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✓		Alan Miller	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Allison Palmer	Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules.

✓		Allison Serr	I am a school nurse in Minidoka County. I see that vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.
✓		Alvin Hackel	Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules.
✓		Alyssa Crane	I was prompted to send an email of my support of vaccinations in Idaho but in good conscience I cannot support something describe by the Supreme Court as "unavoidably unsafe". In clicking "send an email" it made an automated email to support this. I find this of poor character of Immunize Idaho. Shame on them for not encouraging Idahoans to speak of their own mind. Vaccinations have not been properly tested and studied. They have been linked to many mental and physical side effects. Vaccines are not tested for safety in the same way as most pharmaceuticals. It's completely reckless to give our children vaccinations or any drugs that have not been proven safe in the proper channels. Vaccines also contain many ingredients that have been deemed unsafe in the quantities they have in vaccines. Idaho deserves better. Medical and religious freedom are vital for liberty to prevail.
✓		Alyssa Lentsch	I am a mother of four who has had the unfortunate experience of watching my child seize after vaccinations. I am a mother that will never forget that what doctors told me was safe and necessary actually hurt my baby. Our family's health is a hard balance that requires us to make informed choices every day. Parental choice is a necessity for families like mine, a family already damaged by vaccines and toxins in our bodies. Please stand with us as we demand continued freedom to choose.
✓		Amanda Tate	Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules.
✓		Amy Roe	I would like to encourage DHW to please keep Idaho's youth health by supporting proper and up to date immunization guidelines. Please read the latest studies and understand how important it is for Idaho to stay abreast of new science updates.
✓		Andrea Prash	I am a pediatrician in Boise/Meridian. I see first-hand the benefits of vaccination, as well as the incredible risks and devastation associated with vaccine-preventable illnesses. I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound

			scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Angela Nelson	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
16.02.15 and 16.02.11			
✓		Anna Pham	These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy and allow agencies to operate outside the scope of the US Constitution to permit activities which represent investigations conducted without due process and which nullify liberties protected by right of property and pursuit of life.
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✓ (also verbal)		Ashley Everly	As a toxicologist I am here to discuss rules that may restrict medical freedom to the people of Idaho with special attention to immunizations. I was trained to conduct medical research in order to determine whether the amount of or exposure to any biological or chemical substance including pharmaceutical drugs is safe or toxic. I witnessed vaccine injury with my own eyes. After my research, what I learned is that neither the public, nor our legislators, or even are medical professionals are made aware of the growing amount of medical research that shows not only have vaccines been shown to be linked to childhood illnesses but aren't nearly as effective as we once thought they were. I'm here to stress the importance that we do not go the way of other states by sacrificing medical freedoms for the sake of public health goals that cannot be accomplished.
✓		Barbara Franek	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Becky Elder	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Ben Godfrey	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho

			truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Briana Thompson	People today are very distrustful of vaccinations. The vaccine laws should stay as they are and not be loosened. IT is important for all of us to get immunized to protect our families and those who do not have the option to receive a vaccine. Healthcare providers and government officials need to continue and increase their efforts to educate the population about the effectiveness, safety, and benefits of vaccinations so we can protect our community from preventable diseases.
✓		Brooke McCuskey	I'm writing to support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table now.
✓		Camilla Levi	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Carol Andrews	I believe it is every person's right to have control over their health decisions. Therefore, the government has no right to claim authority or power to control any area of immunization choices. Please protect our liberty and keep our government within the confines it was originally set to govern and no more.
✓		Carole-Anne Seeley	I am writing regarding the current health department hearings across the state, specifically regarding immunizations. Thousands of people understand the benefits of vaccines, as thousands also understand the potential dangers they pose to vulnerable individuals. I myself am vaccine injured, and consequently my children are at an increased risk of adverse reactions. A state-appointed official has no knowledge of each individual's risk of reaction or how severe it could be. The decision of whether to vaccinate should remain in the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship and have no influence from politics.
✓		Carolyn Bridges	I am a Boise resident and Idaho native who has worked on immunization-related research and policy for over 23 years. Vaccines protect both vaccinated children and their communities. Idaho already has the highest vaccine exemption rate in the United States. Please do not further weaken the ability of Idaho to protect children with recommended vaccines. The vast numbers of Idahoans fully support immunizations and recognize the importance of vaccines for their own health and their children's health. Please support current rules and the DHW's efforts to protect Idahoans from vaccine-preventable diseases.

✓		Cat Miller Jones	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases. Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules. I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Chantelle Traugher	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.
✓		Chris Gagliano	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Christina Pennell	I would like to express that I oppose mandates regarding mandatory vaccination. I suffered an extremely adverse reaction at 17. Our pediatrician and our family decided that it would pose a great risk to our children to vaccinate. Where there is risk there must be choice. Please protect our rights as parents to remain able to opt out for medical, religious and personal reasons. Our child's education is important to us and so is protecting their bodies from the potential harm vaccines present to them.
✓		Connie Miller	I believe in everyone's freedom of choice when it comes to decisions about their health. But I don't believe anyone's decisions should put the entire community in danger. That's why we have laws, and why the Department of Health and Welfare needs to keep all their rules on vaccines. Other people's decisions shouldn't put other kids in their school at risk of contracting dangerous decisions. Their freedom shouldn't infringe on my child's freedom to live a healthy life. If they choose not to vaccinate their child, they can keep them at home. Choice are not personal when they affect the whole community. Here in American and in Idaho we are free to make our own choices. But we are

			not free to hurt other people. More than anything else, vaccines have eradicated disease and improved the overall health of Americans and Idahoans. Let's not undo some of the greatest health advances of the past century. Let's not turn a blind eye to how much vaccines have helped Idahoans live longer and healthier lives.
✓		Courteney Wall	I am very concerned about our parental rights being taken away and the bullying that parents endure to protect their children. The topic of vaccines is a very hot topic. I have spent years reading and researching to make sure I am doing the very best for my children. This was not a decision that I take lightly. Vaccines should not be mandatory. No one should have to show which vaccines they have or have not received. That is a breach of privacy. Any health guidelines added or taken away need to be backed up by unbiased science. I also believe that parents should be able to access that science and be informed as well. Parents need to be more informed about their rights. I know several concerned parents who would love to speak out but they had no idea about the public hearings. There is a feeling of being bullied and coerced into doing medical procedures that we don't feel good about. We need a more open dialogue. Let us parents make the health decision for our children. Do not threaten us. Do not bully us.
✓		Eda-Cristina Leon-Abuchaibe	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Dawn Simmons	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Deanne Jo Johnson	Please do not loosen the existing immunization requirements for school age children. Recent outbreaks should reinforce our need to protect Idahoans from preventable diseases. At a time when other states are taking steps to protect children, Idaho should not go down against safety.
✓		DeeAnne Marshall	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Diana Scheiding	My family and I moved to this great state from California. I had to watch as my parental rights were being stripped away from me daily and my ability to protect my children was being taken away.

			What I loved most about Idaho was that I still had the right to make the best medical decisions for my family. Immunizations should never be allowed to be forced on children.
✓		Ale Espinoza	Vaccines have stood the test of time, making Idahoans healthier for decades. I support the Department of Health and Welfare in keeping all of its rules and requirements on vaccines. The effectiveness of immunizations cannot be argued; one just needs to look at the difference between life today and what it was like 90 years ago. But, vaccinations need the help of a society that understands their benefit. I hope that Idaho remains that type of society and the Department of Health and Welfare maintains its vaccine rules. Choices are not personal when they affect the whole community. Choosing to opt out of immunizations is not a personal choice because it puts everyone else in the community in danger of contracting diseases. Here in American and in Idaho we are free to make our own choices. But we are not free to hurt other people. That's why the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare needs to keep all their rules on vaccines in place to protect as many Idahoans as they can.
✓		Amaia Blain	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11			
✓ (also verbal)		Amanda Barry	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Andi Eisele	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.

✓		Andrea McCoy	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Angie Presley	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		April Jo Perez	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Blake Heyman	These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This

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✓		Blanca Diaz	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Blanca Villasenor	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease
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✓		Brooke Kindred	These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. No government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility
✓		Caitlin Jantzi	These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓		Candice Del Vecchio	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓ (also verbal)		Cheryle Becker	I am writing in support of continuation of the administrative rules governing immunization requirements. The concern is parents of today have never seen these vaccine preventable diseases and are becoming complacent. The purpose of vaccines is not just a reminder to complete vaccinations, but it is an integral part of the ability to respond and protect vulnerable children. A wise person once

			said, if we don't learn from history, we are destined to repeat it. I have investigated large community outbreaks of measles and we are seeing these outbreaks appear again. If we take away the requirements to provide immunization records, we are taking away the ability to respond and protect vulnerable children. I wholeheartedly encourage the legislature to retain the current administrative rules with regard to immunizations.
✓		Corrina Brouillard	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Cynthia Alfaro	More than anything else, vaccines have eradicated disease and improved the overall health of Americans and Idahoans. I support all of the Department of Health and Welfare's vaccine requirements. The fact is, correlation does not equal causation. Vaccines have been developed, studied, and used over more than a century with a specific goal: to protect us against potentially deadly diseases. Let's not undo some of the greatest health advances of the past century. Let's not turn a blind eye to how much vaccines have helped Idahoans live longer and healthier lives. Let's keep Idaho's vaccine rules.
✓		Damon and Kaylyn	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.

✓		Dana Kindred	These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. No government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility.
✓		Dana Williams	I am a school nurse and I am in favor of vaccinations for ALL children. Unless there is a medical reason for not having vaccines. Please count me in.
✓		Daniel and Kay Baldwin	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		David Carson	I am writing in support of the current rules regarding immunizations. As a school superintendent I see firsthand the value of a healthy public and immunizations are a big part of that.
✓		Dolores Southard	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that’s not on the table right now. Let’s keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Dominik Unger	I am in support of the immunization rule. We need to protect all of our students. We don’t want to experience what Oregon and Washington are experiencing with the measles epidemic.
✓		Dona Merrell	I am a school nurse since 1995. I believe our current rules for immunizations are very fair, a clear option for exemption is available to parents. No effort is made to hide the exemption option and no judgment is made against parents who choose not to immunize. Please accept our full support for current immunization rules and guidelines.
✓		Donna Boe	Please do not do anything to lessen the immunization requirements for children entering Idaho’s public schools. In order to protect all children in such a group situation, all children who are not medically prohibited from being immunized should be required to be vaccinated. In that way, the school achieves “herd immunity” in which no child infects other children in the classroom with them. Immunizations have been scientifically proven to be an effective and fiscally wise way to prevent disabling or even deadly diseases such as measles or whooping cough. Immunization requirements

			for school children in Idaho is a public health issue supported by the vast majority of Idahoans. I also support these requirements and urge you not to loosen them in any way.
✓		Drew Farrar	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Elise Capson	The value and importance of vaccines from the public's view is sadly dwindling. I sincerely hope that this can be reversed and the urgency to be vaccinated will come quickly. It is my duty as a future pharmacist to advocate for patient health and I intend to do the best I can in that endeavor. Please keep the current vaccine requirements.
✓		Beth Kleweno	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Elizabeth Parsons	I am a general pediatrician in Pocatello. To me, one of the most important aspects of all primary care is early detection and prevention of disease. In my opinion, the single most effective way to prevent disease is through immunizations. It is still critical time for the community health and immunizations. Unfortunately, due to pockets of low immunization rates, measles returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001. Non-medical vaccination exemption rates continue to rise and are currently at more than 7%. Immunizations are extremely important for community health. I am writing to request that you please keep Idaho's immunization rules the same and keep Idaho's children healthy!
✓		Emily Johnson	Until my daughter had an adverse reaction to vaccines I had my children on a delayed schedule. Please do not make vaccines mandatory. The doctors see our children for 30 mins every few months for the first year of their life. I am a stay at home mom who has spent almost every hour of every day with my child and know what their body is telling me. Please do not take away our parental rights from us. We love our children more than any doctor and have done our research and have come to the conclusion that vaccines are not safe for MY child.
✓		Erica Kemery	At Monticello Charter School, we inform parents that they are exemption forms, and we explain them to the parents as they are handed to them. We do not hide the fact from parents that they may exercise their rights to exemption under qualifying conditions. As a school administrator I agree with the new guidelines for exemptions. I believe that parents need to have a good reason for not immunizing their children and need also to be fully informed of the risks. Looser guidelines allowed students to attend who parents might not have fully investigated the pros and cons of the issue and made a fully informed decision for their children. It is also my firm opinion that Idaho needs to step in line with

			other states and countries and allow only vaccination preservatives that do NOT include mercury or mercury included or based products.
✓		Eryn Cameron	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓ (also verbal)		Esther Paul	My family and I moved to the conservative state of Idaho 13 years ago from a state that had begun to create more and more laws and regulations that were infringing on our freedoms. I am deeply concerned at the encroachment of the Department of Health and Welfare they continue to bully families and individuals who choose not to use their suggestions for healthcare. We should never be threatened that the CPS will visit our homes or that the police may become involved because a health care bureaucrat wants us to do things their way. This type of bullying needs to be stopped and I implore our Idaho State legislators to protect us from such threats.
✓		Fabiola Enriquez-Vazquez	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Ria Milloway	I am writing to address some concerns I have regarding overreach of the Health Department. I firmly believe that immunizations and all other medical decisions should be an informed parental choice,
✓ (also verbal)		Gail Richardson	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Gene Tosaya	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Gina Coffin	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable

			diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Margaret Nowak Mann	Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of Idaho's school entry immunization requirements. We strongly encourage the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare maintain its current school entry immunization rules and requirements. The requirements are aligned with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and reduce the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases and ensure that children and adolescents receive vaccines as recommended by ACIP. Vaccines play a critical role in the protection of public health. Preventive services like vaccines are a vital and cost-effective public health intervention that prevent and control diseases and reduce health care costs to both patients and the broader health care system. We believe patients and public health will continue to benefit from Idaho's current school entry immunization requirements as recommended by ACIP.
✓		Greg Hjelm	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Greg Moran	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Grisel Plascencia	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I'm writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone's freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Hailey Rose	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that

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✓		Hannah Black	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓		Hayley Langa	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
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✓		Helen Dominguez	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Henar Chico	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Hilary Humpherys	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.

✓		Hollie Anderson-Rambo	Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules.
✓		Holly Wilde	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. Due to the great risks involved with vaccinations we absolutely have to have the choice to vaccinate.
✓		Deborah Wexler	The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) fully supports the current immunization rules in the State of Idaho and opposes any weakening of the current rules. Weakening immunization programs in Idaho and elsewhere reduces immunization rates and increases the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, disability, hospitalizations, and death. Idaho currently has the highest rate in the nation of philosophical belief exemptions to state-required school vaccination. Weakening the rules would further exacerbate already low school vaccination rates and put communities at risk for outbreaks. No other health strategy has had such a tremendous impact on the reduction of disease and improvement of health as has immunization. We encourage Idaho to maintain its current rules to ensure a functional immunization program and to protect Idaho communities from vaccine-preventable diseases.
✓		Inna Lodzhanskaya	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Jackie Maas	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable

			diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Jalene Cabrales	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓		James Stoor	I am in support of keeping the rules on immunization in place as they are today. I have read the rules in Idaho Code and feel that those codes give enough stature in the law for parents to know that they have a choice on immunization. The claim that the Health and Welfare or that School Districts are being deceptive is a false narrative. At some point we need to ask ourselves "are we doing this for the whole or a few?" The rules of immunizing should stay in place and parents should be parents again.
✓		Jamie Howard	I'm writing to deny the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all the current vaccine requirements. Any tightening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by taking away our medical freedom and informed consent.
✓		Jamie Michaelis	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Jamie Price	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Janaie Bounsana	Vaccines have stood the test of time, making Idahoans healthier for decades. I support the Department of Health and Welfare in keeping all its rules and requirements on vaccines. The effectiveness of immunizations cannot be argued; one just needs to look at the difference between life today and what it was like 90 years ago. But, vaccinations need the help of a society that understands their benefit. I hope that Idaho remains that type of society and the Department of Health and Welfare maintains its vaccine rules
✓		Jane Withers	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho

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✓		Jen Jensen	Do not take away our right to choose whether to vaccinate. Mandated vaccines are unconstitutional and my will reflect my way of thinking. Do not remove Idaho's vaccine exemptions.
✓		Jennifer Justis	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf. Please vote against mandatory vaccination as no one should be able to decide what we put into our own bodies, nor should they be allowed to force us to choose medical procedures for our children.
✓		Jennifer King	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Jennifer Merchant	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Jennifer Wisniewski	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Jessica K	I am writing to voice my opposition to any laws that undermine parental rights and authority, informed consent, and bodily autonomy, including mandatory vaccination. Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 must be stricken or amended to "recommendation" rather than mandated.

	✓	Ron Nate	This is a time for Idaho citizens to be extra vigilant because all of these rules have been resubmitted as temporary rules. It is up to us to carefully scrutinize these rules and decide if we want to go on with the same set of rules or accept any changes that have been made. I challenge that this is a good way to run rule administration in Idaho. I'd like to see a reaffirmation that raising and caring for children is a parental right. It is not a right of the state to make these important decisions on behalf of the parents, or to coerce or compel parents into making decisions that are to the liking of the state. Private institutions should have the right to administer rules as they wish. Parents should be notified of their rights when they register their child for school. CPS should inform families of their rights when they show up on their doorstep. I have a problem with the rule making process. If a department wants to change rules, laws or policies they should have to do it through a bill or statute. That way it can have full debate and a full public hearing and needs to be signed by both chambers of the legislature and signed by the governor.
	✓	Tiffany Larson	I am personally and professionally in strong support of Idaho's immunization requirements to be strengthened not loosened. It is unfortunate that there is a small population that is anti-science. Herd immunity works best if at least 95% of the population is vaccinated. With school exempt rates as high as 10.5% in our district our vulnerable population will not be protected by herd immunity. We must be proactive, and we must be protected. Making it easier to not vaccinate is only making it easier for disease to come into our community.
Rule 16.03.09,16.02.11, 16.02.15			
	✓	Karey Hanks	The soul function of government is to protect life, liberty and property. Immunizations should be parental choice and control. I personally would like to make that choice. Regarding Medicaid basic plan, abortion in the case of rape incest is still murder and tax payers are not supposed to fund abortion. We need to support the Idaho Abortion Rights Act. The Constitution supports due process and I feel that 99% of children or better off in their homes than with someone else. CPS should let people know what their rights are when they are at their door. It is really important for us to have our personal rights and our parental rights.
	✓	Joanne Wood	I am here as a citizen concerned with the rule process. I am appalled at the force of law that rules have and how it affects our people. I am a mother of a child who almost died from the smallpox vaccination. Parents should have the right to have a voice in any case that affects their children. CPS should let people know what their rights are when they are at their door. We should ask the legislature to pass a law that both chambers have to agree on the rules.
	✓	Geri Rackow	Vaccines are one of the greatest results of modern medicine. They've helped save millions of lives from deadly infectious diseases. Falling immunization rates have been linked to a resurgence in occurrences in vaccine preventable diseases. In my opinion one death from a vaccine preventable disease is one too many. In today's world, exposure to a deadly disease is just a plane ride away. Maintaining high vaccination rates in Idaho is important to prevent the spread of vaccine preventable diseases. Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. I support the DHW immunization rules.

	✓	Anna Russell	<p>I believe that the ultimate responsibility to protect the health and welfare of children lies with their parents. The rule of the government is to protect parental rights, bodily autonomy and medical freedom. Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a requirement. The Department of Health and Welfare must be more transparent that exemptions are available. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. Rule 16.02.11 must be stricken. The Department circumvented the people of the legislature by mandating the meningitis vaccine for 12th grade students. Health Freedom Idaho and several citizens pointed out the fact that the exemption applies to students and not children. They were told the error in language would be corrected but it was not. This language does not support the statute. Rule 16.02.12 should be stricken or amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a requirement. Decisions on medical testing should be decided upon by parents and protected by doctor-patient privilege. Rule 16.03.09 must be stricken. The Department of Health and Welfare must be more transparent when it comes to parental rights and Idaho law and in no way punish or reward an at-risk population for elective medical procedures. Rule 16.01.02 should be stricken as unconstitutional. These rules allow agencies to operate outside the scope of the constitution, violating rights protected by the constitution by our 4th and 14th Amendment. CPS cannot constitutionally require interviews with a child. Rule 16.06.12 must be stricken. This rule does not clarify that exemptions are available. Of the 1% of the adverse events that have occurred from vaccine administration over \$4 billion has been spent to compensate those families. That money comes from an excise tax that is federally mandated. There is no liability to the pharmaceutical companies.</p>
	✓	Catherine Miller	<p>I'm here to speak out about several rules that restrict parents from their rights and opportunity. I feel every parent should have the right to immunize their children or not. The founders said if laws were too numerous or too obscure then it automatically makes every citizen an unwilling lawbreaker. We want our society to be orderly, but we also want to be free.</p>
	✓	Jilene Berger	<p>It's a fact that there are billions of injuries and deaths from vaccines. It's also a fact that billions of dollars from vaccine court has been to rehabilitate or pay for vaccine injuries. It's a fact that vaccinated children are contagious. There has been no study of vaccinated vs unvaccinated children and prove that vaccines are safe. The Supreme Court has stated "vaccines are unavoidably unsafe". Polio was not eliminated by the vaccine, but the incident of the disease was going down for a number of months/years before the vaccine. I am appalled at the overreach of the government. I am pro parental choice.</p>
	✓	Belinda Otero	<p>I am pro science, pro freedom and pro constitution. Measles was never eradicated, it was never completely gone. The difference between car seats and vaccines, is that you can sue the manufacturers of car seats, but you cannot sue vaccine manufacturers. The does are increasing. Currently children will receive 72 doses before the age of 18. We have some of the sickest children in the world compared to other industrialized nations. We have seen rises in food allergies, autism, mental disorders, child cancers, ADHD, learning disabilities, etc. I know we can't look just at</p>

			vaccines we have to look at other environmental factors. Herd immunity is controversial. I believe it was meant to be caused by getting the disease and having a lifetime of protection. There is nothing out there that can prove vaccines are safe and effective. There are no double-blind studies. The VAERS system only shows that less than 1% of people have reported adverse reactions. This one size fits all concept is very dangerous. With over 200 vaccines coming down the pipeline it's scary to think how many vaccines will be required for my grandchildren.
✓		Jill Aldape	I hope you keep the rules having to do with vaccines intact, or if you can, even strengthen them. There can be rare complications, but even the most basic vitamin supplements can have serious side effects in rare cases. What is much more common in Idaho is a serious disease like Hepatitis A, and that's partially thanks to fewer people getting their vaccinations. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of the community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases. Vaccines help keep my family healthy. Vaccines help keep my community healthy. Vaccines help keep Idaho healthy.
✓		Jill W	Please write rules for the protection of children in public schools from vaccine shedding. There needs to be school restrictions for students recently vaccinated as they carry the diseases they were vaccinated for. Please restrict attendance for the proper amount of days following vaccines.
✓		Joan Abbott	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Jody Daniels	I strongly support the current Idaho immunization requirements which align with CDC recommendations. There are no sound scientific reasons to reduce or change them, and the vast majority of parents and community members want to continue to keep their loved ones safe. Today, Idaho has the highest vaccine exemption rate in the country. That is unhealthy and unacceptable. The rules in place now require parents to vaccinate their kids if they send them to school. It's a safety issue for everyone else, and especially the children who can't get vaccinated because their immune systems are compromised. I urge you to follow science and reaffirm the current list of required school vaccinations.
✓		John Doremus	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the

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✓		John Freeman	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Jonathan Jerkins	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I’m writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone’s freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Jon Harmon	I do not agree that Idaho should have vaccine mandates. All parents should be fully informed of exemptions available. It should take more than 12 people to decide the fate of 30,000 to receive another shot of meningitis before graduation. I do not think the state should be allowed to change the wording of the rules from “child” to “student” with the intent to include adult students in their mandates. I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Jordan Ramsey	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho

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✓		Josh Schlaich	Vaccines have stood the test of time, making Idahoans healthier for decades. I support the Department of Health and Welfare in keeping all of its rules and requirements on vaccines. The effectiveness of immunizations cannot be argued; one just needs to look at the difference between life today and what it was like 90 years ago. But, vaccinations need the help of a society that understands their benefit. I hope that Idaho remains that type of society and the Department of Health and Welfare maintains its vaccine rules
✓		Joy Condie	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Joy Gibson	I am 100% opposed to mandating anybody's bodily autonomy. I don't understand why our state is trying to force unwanted products into our bodies and the bodies of our children. I am a believer in science, God, and freedom. Please do not let the following impede on my rights to choose what is best for my family. Please protect the citizens of Idaho from losing their freedom of choice. I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate
✓		Juanita McDonough	I am writing to ask you uphold the meningitis booster requirement passed last year. If parents want to opt out of required vaccines, it is an easy process in Idaho. I am a nurse and know how quickly meningitis spreads. Vaccination is the only means of protection. Thank you for doing the right thing for public safety and keeping the meningitis booster requirement.
✓		Julianna Hunt	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather

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✓		Julie Celeberti	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Julie Kikuchi	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that’s not on the table right now. Let’s keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Justin Corr	Vaccine ingredients are safe. The facts support that. It’s why I support the Department of Health and Welfare keeping all its rules and requirements on vaccines. Vaccine ingredients are effective. We have nothing to worry about when it comes to vaccine ingredients. The biggest worry we have is the easing of requirements on this life-saving medicine.
✓		Kaari Bouma	I’m writing to oppose the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in the current vaccine requirements. Thanks to running water, soap, and electricity we don’t have to worry about more than a dozen dangerous diseases. Already this year, we’ve seen measles in the state, mostly within the already-immunized community. As we have experienced an influx of immigrants suffering poor health in their home countries, and rampant homelessness among the impoverished have left the door open for these diseases to make a comeback. DHW needs to promote clean, safe shelter for the homeless to protect our country from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too rigid. Let’s finish the battle against these diseases. Let’s focus on clean water and warm homes for the homeless and the immigrants in fighting disease.
✓		Kaitlyn Stephens	I demand all rules be stricken pertaining to those that hinder or restrain individual liberty, parental rights, and bodily autonomy especially from a liability free product. These rules are unconstitutional and cannot/shouldn’t ever be enforced. These rules also violate doctor-patient privilege and medical privacy. These rules violate the rights of the parents and their rights to informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccinations, no government entity should attempt to replace individual parental rights and responsibilities.

✓		Karen Cadieux	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓(also verbal)		Karen Sharpnack	The Idaho Immunization Coalition strongly encourages the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to maintain its current school and day care entry immunization rules and requirements. The requirements are aligned with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and reduce the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases and ensure that children and adolescents receive vaccines as recommended by ACIP. Please protect Idaho's children from misinformed persons who do not know or do not want to know the benefits of vaccines for our community. Although opponents of vaccines may be vocal, they are the small minority and their arguments are without scientific basis. In contrast, the vast numbers of Idahoans fully support immunizations and recognize the importance of vaccines for their own health and their children's health. And rigorous science clearly demonstrates the benefit of vaccines; vaccination programs are fully supported by both the medical and legitimate scientific communities. Please support current rules and the Department of Health and Welfare's efforts to protect Idahoans from vaccine-preventable diseases.
✓		Kari McNutt	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Karma Laan	Vaccines have stood the test of time, making Idahoans healthier for decades. I support the Department of Health and Welfare in keeping all of its rules and requirements on vaccines. The effectiveness of immunizations cannot be argued; one just needs to look at the difference between life today and what it was like 90 years ago. But, vaccinations need the help of a society that understands their benefit. I hope that Idaho remains that type of society and the Department of Health and Welfare maintains its vaccine rules
✓		Kathlene Bailey	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place
✓		Kathryn Sprinkle	I am deeply concerned about the following rules: parental choice for immunizations, overreach from the Idaho Department of Public Health Department through CPS, and mandatory medical testing on newborn babies. I am opposed to these interventions of our government and legislature. Where there are risks to medical treatment there must be the right to make an informed decision, even if that

			<p>decision is a strong “no”. I am strongly in support of health freedom and strongly against mandates that restrict rights to informed consent. I am strongly supportive of education and complete transparency by our government agencies. The mandatory medical testing of newborns and mandatory immunization rules violates the Nuremberg code and our basic human rights to bodily autonomy, and I am completely opposed to both. The violation of human rights proposed in these rules is incredibly disturbing and completely unconstitutional, violating our 4th and 14th amendment rights. Please remember that your only job, working for the people, is to protect our constitutional rights. There is a legitimate problem in the United States and very much so in Idaho, of CPS overstepping their bounds and removing children from healthy, loving homes and place them in the foster care system where they are not only subject to physical and sexual abuse but also victims of child sex trafficking. If you truly care about protecting children, please consider my deeply held opposition to these rules and protect our children’s rights and bodily autonomy.</p>
✓		Kathy Haynes	<p>I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place</p>
✓		Katie Campbell	<p>IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility.</p>
	✓	Jud Miller	<p>I am a retired physician and I have 2 points to make. I followed the ACIP guidelines although usually I suggested to parents that they slow them down. I have seen enough reactions to vaccines that I know you cannot unequivocally say they are safe. We need to have investigations by an objective panel.</p>
	✓	Angie McCall	<p>IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. I have made the decision to no longer vaccinate anyone in my family due to vaccine injuries and I feel as a human I have the right to do so. There have never been any double-blind vaccine studies done on the vaccine schedule. Immunizations should be parental choice and availability of exemptions should be clearly expressed. The meningitis rule for students is clearly in violation of a statute that has not been changed. Vaccines are not a one size fits all medical procedure. Herd immunity is often an argument used against vaccine choice. I have many studies to share that show it is not achievable through vaccination. Where there is risk there must be choice. 16.13.09 and 16.06.12 changes to rules exchanging a medical procedure that has zero liability for injury or death for services in a community in a financial crisis are in direct violation of the rights</p>

			I've listed. This must be stricken, and the Department must be more transparent of parental rights. Regarding 16.06.02, CPS cannot constitutionally require an interview with a child under the 4 th and 14 th Amendment.
	✓	Annie Miller	When I got married and started having children I started researching vaccines and decided there wasn't enough research on them, so I decided to opt out for my children. I am opposed to mandatory vaccines.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.03.09, 16.06.12, 16.06.01			
✓ (also verbal)		Kay Jorissen	Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.03.09, 16.06.12 and 16.06.01 are unconstitutional. We must protect our rights and our bodies. We have the right to choose what goes into our bodies as adults and for our children. I ask that these rules be stricken as they are unconstitutional. Everyone can say "safe and effective" all they want in hopes that it makes the masses believe this lie. However, vaccinations are clearly not safe. Nor are they effective when we have children with the highest cancer rates ever seen, the highest rate of autoimmune diseases, we have more than ever young adults with infertility issues, the health crisis goes on. I look forward to hearing from the department that they have stricken these unconstitutional rules.
Rules 16.02.11 and 16.02.15			
✓		Kaylyn Garcia	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Kelli Riley	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Kelly Clark	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease. As a parent, my main goal is to

			build a better future for my children. I try to make sure they eat healthy, stay active, and have limited screen time. But one of the most effective and simplest ways to ensure their health is by getting fully vaccinated. That's why I support DHW and its vaccine requirements. Vaccines have stood the test of time, making Idahoans healthier for decades. I support the Department of Health and Welfare in keeping all of its rules and requirements on vaccines. The effectiveness of immunizations cannot be argued; one just needs to look at the difference between life today and what it was like 90 years ago. But, vaccinations need the help of a society that understands their benefit. I hope that Idaho remains that type of society and the Department of Health and Welfare maintains its vaccine rules
✓ (also verbal)		Kelly Wilson	I am strongly opposed to any medical procedure and choices made without full parental agreement. I am strongly in favor of exemptions for any reason a parent deems right for their own children. I am in favor of true informed consent for all. If vaccines work why the fear? If they were safe why the enormous payouts? Please be informed and make decisions based on facts not misleading information by the for-profit pharmaceutical companies and for-profit medical industry. If parents want to vaccinate, that is their right, but forced vaccines are a true violation of individual liberty, unconstitutional, and a true violation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Parental rights are of the highest importance whatever a parent chooses and deems best for their own children.
✓		Khristine Miller	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Kimberly King	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.
✓		Kristine Force	I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Kristin Lucas	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather

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✓		Lance Smith	<p>IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility. I don't presume that you know what each of the adverse reactions entail nor do I expect you to painstakingly agonize over them, because that's my job as a parent. I do however, expect you, as an official representative of the Idaho government, to protect parental rights to make informed decisions on behalf of their children.</p>
✓		LeeAnn Betzer	<p>I just wanted to provide my support for immunizations requirements. Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. I don't believe vaccines will harm my children, and I haven't talked to any other parents who believe that. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idahoans agree that we can trust vaccines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules exactly as they are.</p>
✓		Leslie Jerkins	<p>Vaccines are safe, and I don't want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids' health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules. I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that's not on the table right now. Let's keep the vaccine requirements in place.</p>
✓		Leslie Maier	<p>As President of the National Meningitis Association who has met people from all over the country affected by meningococcal disease, and as a mother who lost her 17-year-old son, I have learned</p>

			firsthand about the importance of having adolescents and young adults vaccinated in accordance with ACIP requirements for meningococcal disease.
✓		Linda Lubeck	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓ (also verbal)		Lisa Barker	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. As a pediatrician, I am concerned about the reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Lisa Doyon	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Lisa McLaughlin	Vaccination mandates are unacceptable to us for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vaccines have risks. The CDC's own website has a section entitled, "Who shouldn't get vaccinated". 2) Vaccine mandates violate the doctor-patient relationship and medical privacy. 3) Vaccine mandates violate basic liberties. 4) Vaccines contain untested levels of heavy metals, aborted fetal tissue, and neurotoxic preservatives and adjuvants. 5) Vaccines have never been tested for their interaction effects although the vaccine schedule prescribes several vaccines be given at one time.

			<p>6) Vaccines have never been tested for their carcinogenicity.</p> <p>7) There is no public health emergency</p> <p>8) The science that purports to demonstrate the safety of vaccines is industry-funded</p> <p>9) Independent studies do show a causal link of vaccination to many health problems, including autism, autoimmune disorders, cancers, seizures, and neuropsychiatric problems.</p> <p>10) Vaccination mandates violate community standards in Idaho.</p>
✓		Elizabeth Montgomery	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Liz Weichert	I would never support these immunization rules. The truth is that vaccines are more harmful than contracting the actual disease. They cause more issues than the actual disease. If you get a cold, chicken pox, measles you stay home, and you let the disease run its course. Please don't force or promote these vaccines. Allow parents to do as they see fit for their children and families. It is a parent's choice not the government's.
✓		Lorna Schumann	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Marci Hansen	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Maite Iribarren-Gorrindo	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. As a pediatrician, I am concerned about the reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Marilu Perez	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. As a pediatrician, I am concerned about the reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the

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✓		Marni Ney	<p>I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.</p>
✓		Mary Collins	<p>I'm writing to express my concerns about the attack on medical freedom that our great state is under. We are in a situation where Johnson & Johnson have just been ordered to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in the state of Ohio because of their criminal and despicable conduct in the making of opiate pain killers. We have billions of dollars that have been paid out to people who have been harmed by the pharmaceutical industry. But we are expected to accept that the pharmaceutical industry has found Jesus when it comes to vaccines. Money talks. Every time. Mandating the population to be subject to a billion-dollar industry, one that can't be held accountable for their actions is dangerous. Taking the rights of parents away and giving them over to the state is incredibly shortsighted and goes against everything our country was founded on. Please vote no and keep Idaho the bastion of hope and freedom that it is.</p>
✓		Mary Dennis	<p>I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. At a time when other states are eliminating personal exemptions, it would be foolhardy to loosen our already lenient requirements. As a school nurse, I see how illness spreads quickly and easily among children. It is vital that parents are encouraged to have their children vaccinated against preventable diseases. When most individuals in a given population are vaccinated, herd immunity protects those who medically cannot receive the vaccine. Idaho is dangerously close to, or even under the percentage of vaccinated children necessary to protect those too young or ill to receive the vaccines because an increasing number of families are opting out of immunizing their children, up to 7.7% last school year. The requirements to exempt children from vaccines were loosened last year so that parents only have to write a note saying they don't wish to vaccinate their children, without a form containing information about the dangers of the diseases to which they choose to allow their children to remain susceptible. Please keep the vaccine requirements how they are. Lives are at a risk!</p>

✓		Mary Jo Shaw	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I'm writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone's freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Mary Petersen	As a citizen of Idaho, I am deeply concerned about the potential legislation mandating vaccinations. I am not satisfied with the lack of accountability to vaccine companies. I am not satisfied with the process of vaccine court. I am not satisfied with the legal quieting of the vaccine injured through vaccine court. I am not satisfied with the lack of reporting of the vaccine injured by medical professionals. I am not satisfied with the ingredients and toxins in individual vaccines. I am not satisfied with the overzealous vaccine schedule. I do believe every vaccine should be considered individually and that parents have the right to choose if vaccines are safe for their children. I do not believe the state should have the right to inject anything in our bodies or our children's bodies against our will. I believe mandating vaccines could lead to a gross overstep of CPS which would harm our families and our children. I stand firmly against medical personnel and legal personnel intimidating families against their beliefs of health and religion.
✓		Mary Sanchez	As a parent, my main goal is to build a better future for my children. I try to make sure they eat healthy, stay active, and have limited screen time. But one of the most effective and simplest ways to ensure their health is by getting fully vaccinated. Choices are not personal when they affect the whole community. Choosing to opt out of immunizations is not a personal choice because it puts everyone else in the community in danger of contracting diseases. Here in American and in Idaho we are free to make our own choices. But we are not free to hurt other people. That's why the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare needs to keep all their rules on vaccines in place to protect as many Idahoans as they can. Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Mason Groves	I want to be counted as OPPOSED to any and all vaccine mandates in the state of Idaho.
✓		Matthew Burns	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. As a pediatrician, I am concerned about the reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of

			Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Megan Marcum	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Melanie Lucas	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Melissa Kleinert	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Mert Burns	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Micah Kamiah	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental

			responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility. I don't presume that you know what each of the adverse reactions entail nor do I expect you to painstakingly agonize over them, because that's my job as a parent. I do however, expect you, as an official representative of the Idaho government, to protect parental rights to make informed decisions on behalf of their children.
✓		Michael Williams	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility. I don't presume that you know what each of the adverse reactions entail nor do I expect you to painstakingly agonize over them, because that's my job as a parent. I do however, expect you, as an official representative of the Idaho government, to protect parental rights to make informed decisions on behalf of their children.
✓		Michelle Briggs	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Mickey Kindred	These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility, the most important job in the world, to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government, even under the most supreme intentions, should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility.
✓		Mikaylea O'Brien	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.

✓		Muriel Roberts	It is very unfortunate that misinformation has convinced many parents that immunizations are not safe for their children. I support Idaho's immunization rules, not just for the children who can be made safe from diseases, but for the health of all citizens of Idaho. I urge the Department of Health and Welfare to conduct education campaigns to debunk the lies and inform Idahoans of the necessity of immunizations for all children, and the concept of herd immunity.
✓		Nancy Costa	Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 override parental rights to provide quality care to their own children. They oppress individual rights and the right to choose our own medical care and treatment. This is fascism. You are to uphold the law and constitution of the US. Not to undermine the family unit. Which in turn undermines the liberty of individuals. It is a strong family that upholds our great society and requirements like this are another attack on the strength of our families, society and constitution. Do not put these requirements in place.
✓		Nancy Mann	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Natalie Feuerstein	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility. I don't presume that you know what each of the adverse reactions entail nor do I expect you to painstakingly agonize over them, because that's my job as a parent. I do however, expect you, as an official representative of the Idaho government, to protect parental rights to make informed decisions on behalf of their children.
✓		Nathan Hirsch	As a parent, pediatrician and member of the AAP, I urge you to keep immunization recommendations in place. Immunizations provide protection to our children from preventable diseases. If we stop immunizing these diseases will come back. Immunizations are safe and effective.
✓		Naya Antink	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Nicholas Bennett	I believe it should be parents' choice whether to vaccinate their children. I do not think vaccines are a healthy choice for all children and may be detrimental to their health. If we take this freedom away,

			many families will suffer. Those that are vaccinated should not worry about those that aren't as that is what the vaccine is supposed to protect them against.
✓		Nicole Brock	I vaccinate for my child's future. Anything the Department of Health and Welfare can do to help protect vaccines protects my child as well. I'm supporting the Department in keeping every single vaccine rule currently on the books. As a parent, I have a lot to worry about. I worry about my kid eating healthy. I worry about my kid getting enough exercise. I worry about my kid being a good friend. I worry about my kid's grades in school. One thing I don't worry a lot about is my kid getting a ton of vaccine-preventable diseases, because they've been immunized. That's peace of mind. I am beginning to worry more lately, though, because of all the lies leading to low vaccination rates in Idaho. This is where the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare can help. By maintaining all their vaccine requirements, the Department can help the peace of mind of parents like me and protect the future of every kid in the state.
✓		Nichole Lynch	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Nicole Pomerinke	I am an Idaho resident and parent. As a parent it is my right to decide along with my doctors to choose what I see best medically for my child. It is not the state place to force medical procedures. That goes against basic human rights. I am completely against the force or reequipments of any vaccines to attend a daycare or school or anything. Keep state out of medical decisions.
✓		Nicole Stork	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Noreen Womack	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I'm writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone's freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Norman Gauvain	As a grandfather who loves his grandchildren I cannot remain silent. It is important to let my voice be heard for them. Also, for my own sake, because one day they may attempt to require me to inject

			<p>junk into my body. I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.</p>
✓		Pam Carson	<p>I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state’s immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho’s current immunization requirements.</p>
✓		Pat Herman	<p>Unfortunately, some people in this world don’t care about their fellow human beings. These people would rather believe insane rumors about vaccines, skip their shots, and put us all at risk of getting terrible diseases. There are far too many like that in Idaho, which is why the Health and Welfare Department needs to keep all their rules on vaccines in place. As you all know, most Idahoans are great people. They are giving, selfless, and think about how their actions might affect their neighbors. They think about the greater good. People who fail to vaccinate for non-medical reasons are the exact opposite. Their thoughtless selfish act has helped once-eradicated diseases like measles return to Idaho, creating a significant health risk for every man, woman, and child in the Gem State. Most of Idaho needs to be protected from the small percentage of the population who believe the untruths about vaccines. The Department of Health and Welfare can help do that by keeping its vaccine requirements in place. I am immunized, my kids are immunized and so are all my pets!</p>
✓		Peg and Charlie Roberts	<p>I’m writing to support the citizens right to make their own choices for themselves and their families. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare have no right to force anyone to be vaccinated. Any increase of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous gross government and agency over reach of our communities. Modern medicine and science has its purpose and it is not to force people to become vaccinated. The list used to be short and specific; only the necessary vaccines were offered/pushed. Now the list is extremely long and unnecessary for survival. I believe in the basic vaccines such as the MMR but no one has the right to force another to vaccinate. The lies being told by pro DSHS are a threat to our rights and to our families. Families need to do everything we</p>

			can to protect our children from the Department of Health and Welfare. I think the current vaccine requirements are all we need. It is our children, our choice, our right.
✓		Preston Omer	As a pediatrician one of my highest priorities is the safety of children in Idaho. Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.
✓		Rachel Moore	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		James Malloy	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state's immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.02.31, 16.06.11			
✓		R. Ellwood	I object to any rules that restrict a parent's role in deciding the healthcare options utilized on their children. Specifically, I am opposed to IDAPA 16.02.11 and 16.02.15 regarding immunization requirements, 16.02.12 regarding the procedure for required testing on newborns, and 16.02.31 regarding Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits funding abortions. I also oppose 16.06.11 regarding CPS and comprehensive assessments. Current law wrongfully assigns that decision-making power to the Department of Health and Welfare, which is unconstitutional and unethical. If parents choose to seek alternate opinions or utilize an alternative approach, they do so at the risk of a visit from CPS at best, and even the removal of children from their home with a charge of neglect. There is no constitutional authority to trump the decision-making ability of dedicated and loving parents, and I'm petitioning you to introduce legislation that gives concrete allowances for parental input into necessary medical treatments and assigns the final authority back to the parents where it belongs.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
✓		Renee Brown	I am concerned over the upcoming immunization hearings. I am fearful of any forced medicine especially when it has zero liability from the manufacturers and distributors. The great thing about this state is that it is standing firm in liberty and freedom. I hope that those of you in charge listen to

			<p>your citizens and continue to keep our constitutional rights that our founding fathers fought so hard for. Where there is forced medicine, there is no liberty. We left California because of the fascist state passing unlawful bills that violate freedom and the right to public education. I want you to consider the risks of forced vaccination and who lives maybe in danger.</p> <p>I am extremely fearful of mandated medicine especially when the manufacturer has zero liability. Did you know in the late 80's Congress passed a law making it impossible to hold vaccine manufacturers liable if your child is injured or dies as a result from the vaccine? In what other form of medicine do we allow this? The risks of vaccines are very real as they are listed on each and every package insert on the FDA's website. These risks range from seizures, transverse myelitis, meningitis, coma, Steven Johnson syndrome and so many more. Would you mandate a medicine for your child where the risk included death? Where there is risk there has to be a choice. We cannot take away parental rights at the benefit of a greedy corporation. You may think that vaccine reactions are extremely rare because a UC study revealed less than 1% of them are ever reported to VAERS. That is because parents are often dismissed by doctors who are not taught to observe and report vaccine injuries. I know first hand how common they are. My daughter was life flighted after her 4-month shots for meningitis. Had I ever known the risks I would have never taken her to that appointment. We are some of the lucky ones she didn't have any permanent damage. We fled California because of the fascist socialistic mandates and the trample on personal freedoms. We need to realize that any medicine or medical procedure cannot be mandated without violating our liberties and freedoms. We must trust and believe mothers after all who is going to know more about their child than the mother? We kiss the boo boos, we cuddle them when they are sick. We know which cry means they are hungry and which ones mean they are tired. You expect me to believe that I do not know what is best for my child?! Please do what is right and protect our children and their freedom.</p>
✓ (also verbal)		Rhonda Stoker	<p>Every freedom loving citizen should oppose governmental agency overreach. You may be in favor of removing people's freedom of choice concerning vaccines, but it sets a dangerous precedence. The next edict might be something to which you are vehemently against. If you had a product for which you could not be sued if someone was killed or injured by it and for which you were guaranteed buyers by government mandated laws, how many resources would you devote to safety? If vaccines were safe and effective, there would not be any conflict. Everyone would favor them. Herd immunity is a myth. Anecdotal research has shown that unvaccinated children are healthier and have no cases of ASD than their vaccinated peers. Please let Idaho keep its religious, philosophical and medical exemptions.</p>
✓		Riki Evans	<p>I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into</p>

			<p>compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.</p>
✓		Robert Swainston	<p>Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.</p>
✓		Rob Sharpnack	<p>Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.</p>
✓		Aaron Bagley	<p>As more people flee places like California and New York for freedom loving Idaho your attention to what is required to maintain that freedom is the focus of All of Idaho. Because of the pressure bearing down on legislators everywhere and the amount of money involved, I believe it should be illegal for anyone holding stocks or having any other financial ties to pharmaceutical companies/medical industry to make and/or impose laws mandating medical care. Parents alone should be able to make all medical decisions. As long as the vaccine manufacturers carry no liability for their products, the CDC holds 50+ patents and the pharmaceutical industry is the largest lobbying group in American, I must be able to continue to choose which medical procedures are right for my family. Please remember the foundation of freedom is rooted in our ability to trust our elected leaders to choose integrity over all other temptations.</p>
✓		Roxanne Burns	<p>I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state’s immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of</p>

			Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho's current immunization requirements.
✓		Russ Duke	I am the director for Central District Health. Idaho has historically had some of the lowest immunization rates in the country. We have made good progress in recent years getting our children vaccinated, and I believe our current childcare and school immunization requirements have played a significant role in making sure parents understand the importance of vaccines. Our local public health medical and disease investigation teams see first-hand the consequences of vaccine preventable diseases. They can be debilitating and deadly. We must not lose sight of the fact that some vaccines are given in a series over months or years before full protection is achieved. And some children because of medical conditions can't receive certain vaccines making them vulnerable for their entire life. The point here is that even for parents who chose to vaccinate their children, a vaccine preventable disease outbreak can still cause infections in those kids. The best protection for the entire community is to get as many people vaccinated as possible. Requiring vaccines for children attending childcare and school is good public health policy. Beyond the obvious health benefits, vaccine preventable disease outbreaks are extremely expensive to manage. Vaccines save lives, and I strongly recommend that the vaccine rules for Idaho remain as they are currently written.
✓		Ryan S.	Where there are mandates there is no freedom. I do not support mandating vaccines. Please do not allow laws to pass that take our freedoms!
✓		Sabrina Kindred	These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility, the most important job in the world, to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government, even under the most supreme intentions, should attempt to circumvent parent responsibility.
✓		Samantha Congdon	I am requesting for the Department of Health and Welfare to not weaken the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do so, and the recent outbreaks of Hepatitis A in the Treasure Valley and measles in neighboring states show the after effects of doing so. Idaho's vaccine requirements allow for parents to easily opt out of these requirements. All the rules do is require parents vaccinate their kids if they send them to school or notify the school if they are choosing to not. This is important, and confidential, for easy identification of those students who are at risk in the event of an outbreak. It's a safety issue for everyone, especially the children who cannot get vaccinated because of serious health issues. We simply cannot allow the voice of a few to outweigh the majority. Our exemption rate in Idaho continues to rise, this demonstrates systems in place for parents to opt out are clearly working and known. Parents who are against immunizations have that right according to the state of Idaho, just as the state of Idaho has a duty to public safety and health. I am an Idahoan. I love the options the state affords parents, but do not feel that public safety should be put at risk for the choices of a few. The scientific evidence does not support this, and neither should our law makers.

✓		Sandi Rex	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Sarah Doremus	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.02.12, 16.03.09			
✓		Sara Netzel	I am gravely concerned about several current IDAPA 16 Administrative Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.02.12, 16.03.09. Immunizations and medical treatment should always be a personal or parental decision. No medical treatment comes without risk, and where there is risk there should be informed consent and choice. Bodily autonomy is one of the fundamental basic God given rights and should not be regulated at any level. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Rule 16.03.09 requires participants in the program to demonstrate that they have received recommended wellness visits and immunizations for their age. Implying they must use liability-free medical products in compliance with the ACIP vaccine schedule discriminates against religious/personal beliefs and personal autonomy. The Health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available and then respect parental decisions. CPS agencies are acting outside the scope of the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution. CPS cannot constitutionally require an interview of a child under the 4 th and 14 th amendments of the Constitution. Our Bill of Rights protects us from government in the areas of search and seizure. For an agency that seems so concerned with protecting children from undergoing any unnecessary traumatic experiences, including multiple interviews. Parents are being investigated by CPS under false pretenses and without due process of law or being innocent until proven guilty, and with little to no support. Please seek legislation that ensures basic fundamental liberties are maintained and not

			violated. I do not support any mandates put into place which would restrict the right of anyone to make their own health and medical decisions for themselves and/or their children. Idaho needs our leaders in government to be brave and fight to protect our freedom and constitutional rights.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
✓		Scott Snyder	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I'm writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone's freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Shanna Hogg	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny me my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility. I don't presume that you know what each of the adverse reactions entail nor do I expect you to painstakingly agonize over them, because that's my job as a parent. I do however, expect you, as an official representative of the Idaho government, to protect parental rights to make informed decisions on behalf of their children.
✓ (also verbal)		Shannon Hurd	Keep Idaho free. The government should not be in charge of what we have to do to our own bodies or our children's' bodies. Regarding the economic implications of tightening vaccination mandate laws, it needs to be known that a very popular reason Idaho has been the most moved to state in the country two years in a row is because of medical freedom. And so, I ask, is Idaho prepared for the negative economic impact if those who refuse to vaccinate remove their children from school, sell their homes, and take their businesses and taxes and such back out of the state? I do not believe the policies to mandate vaccines are rooted in public health. There are more effective and less invasive measures that could be implemented. If immunity is the goal, continue providing proper sewage and waste management. Create and promote policies or mandates for extended breastfeeding, daily vegetables, outlaw 5G and all cell towers near schools, outlaw red dye, msg, fast foods, aspartame, high fructose corn syrup, glyphosate laden foods, high sugar "fruit" drinks and snack foods, outlaw candy, and make brushing one's teeth twice a day mandatory. Good quality vitamins for adults and children must also be required or else they cannot go to work or school. Committee members and legislators are not required, nor should they ever be the final court of science or judges of medical authenticity. Public servant members are to uphold the Constitution of Idaho.

✓		Shari Kuther	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.
✓		Shari Pratt	Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government, even under the most supreme intentions, should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility.
Rules 16.02.10, 16.02.15, 16.02.11			
✓ (also verbal)		Shawna Lambert	Rule 16.02.10 regarding banning children not vaccinated from schools/daycare if an outbreak occurs. This rule does not even follow available science, and the CDC's website also states that the vaccine would take approximately 203 weeks to provide protection. This rule feels more aimed at being punitive than anything. Vaccination status is not a reliable means of determining who is considered "susceptible". I would request that the language in 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 be changed from "required" to "recommended", as this verbiage is misleading to parents. If our goal is public health and maintaining trust between the public and health agencies, then we must be honest when discussing these issues.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
✓		Shyloh Bauman	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Spencer Frazier	I do not agree with mandatory vaccines. These rules aim to deny my parental responsibility to protect my children and make decisions on their behalf attempting to intimidate and coerce my informed

			consent. Regardless of your stance on vaccination, no government, even under the most supreme intentions, should attempt to circumvent parental responsibility.
✓		Stacey Kelsey	I support the citizens of Idaho’s freedom of choice and do not agree that the Department of Health and Welfare should ever increase vaccine requirements. Many diseases will never truly be eradicated because you cannot truly obtain full herd immunity. The Department of Health and Welfare needs to everything it can to protect our freedom to choose what is right for our own beliefs. I think the current vaccine requirements are fine, with including our states right to opt out for any reason. We should strengthen our state, by remaining transparent and educating the public of both sides of the spectrum, vaccination and non-vaccination.
✓		Susan Collins	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, no is an important time to protect our state’s immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho’s current immunization requirements.
✓		Tammi Dyrud	IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy, and doctor-patient privilege. These rules are routinely abused to coerce parents into believing that they are mandated by an executive agency to subject their children to a medical procedure to participate in public school. This is coercion. These rules must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement or mandate.
✓		Taylina Rigoulot	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Taylor Hubbard	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated

			with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Teresa Fabricius	I am writing to strongly support the current rules regarding immunizations in Idaho. I also strongly oppose any changes that would weaken the rules; or that would ease or remove requirements for opting out of immunization.
✓		Terri Lindermann	One lone person can accomplish a lot, a group of people can accomplish much more, but an entire community working together can work miracles. Vaccines are some of those miracles. I’m writing in support of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare keeping every single vaccine rule on the books. I support everyone’s freedom to do what they want, within reason. Vaccines are modern miracles that have helped countless numbers of people live longer healthier lives. They protect our communities, particularly the most vulnerable members of those communities. I support them by supporting the Department of Health and Welfare and their current vaccine rules.
✓		Tia Groves	I want to be counted as opposed to any/all vaccine mandates in Idaho
✓		Toni Lee	I believe in everyone’s freedom of choice when it comes to decisions about their health. While I believe in promoting public health and safety, educating our public I do not believe in forcing parents to vaccinate their children. I believe in vaccines, but I do not agree forcing any patient into treatment for any reason. We have some of the best patient access and care standards in the world. Patients have rights, as do parents and children. If we want to vaccinate children, instead of forcing families, let’s give them the opportunity to learn and agree to care on their own. It is our job to find creative, positive, constructive ways to connect with our patients and communities. Shaming and forcing families is not the right approach. Remember when you all make this decision, that means others will have a say about your body, your children, and your healthcare future.
✓		Tysie Jensen	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state’s immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho’s current immunization requirements.
✓		Unknown	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports

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✓		Vanessa Carroll-Ohmes	I am asking that the Department of Health and Welfare not loosen the current vaccine requirements. There are no sound scientific reasons to do it, and the people of Idaho do not want it. I found that 68% of Idahoans are opposed to any changes that would loosen vaccination requirements. If Idaho truly has a representative government, the DHW should represent Idahoans and keep all the vaccination rules in place.
✓		Vanessa McGuire	I support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in maintaining all current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. Measles has returned to Idaho for the first time since 2001 and we are in the midst of a hepatitis A outbreak. With the reemergence of these vaccine-preventable diseases, now is an important time to protect our state’s immunization requirements. I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to do everything it can to protect our kids from vaccine preventable diseases. Please maintain Idaho’s current immunization requirements.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.02.12, 16.02.31, 16.06.11			
✓		Vicki Segó	I object to any rules that restrict a parent’s role in deciding the healthcare options utilized on their children. Specifically, I am opposed to IDAPA 16.02.11 and 16.02.15 regarding immunization requirements, 16.02.12 regarding the procedure for required testing on newborns, and 16.02.31 regarding Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits funding abortions. I also oppose 16.06.11 regarding CPS and comprehensive assessments. Current law wrongfully assigns that decision-making power to the Department of Health and Welfare, which is unconstitutional and unethical. If parents choose to seek alternate opinions or utilize an alternative approach, they do so at the risk of a visit from CPS at best, and even the removal of children from their home with a charge of neglect. There is no constitutional authority to trump the decision-making ability of dedicated and loving parents, and I’m petitioning you to introduce legislation that gives concrete allowances for parental input into necessary medical treatments and assigns the final authority back to the parents where it belongs.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
✓		Wendy Moore	I support the current guidelines around immunizations for children attending Idaho public schools. As a district we ask every parent when they enroll for a copy of their immunization records. If a parent says they do not have one due to religious or personal reasons, we automatically give them an exemption form to complete. We do inform parents at that time if there is an outbreak of a contagious disease that they will be notified immediately and may be asked to keep their child home until the risk has passed. We feel that the current standards are important for the wellbeing of all Idaho students and parents. I would ask that you continue to keep current guidelines in place.

✓		Wendy Zweigardt	I am an educated healthcare professional and a mother of two. My children are adopted, and both have concerning health conditions. I have done countless hours of research on vaccines. They are not proven to be safe and are not “one size fits all”. We need to be sure that liability to the drug companies is restored. If there is risk, there must be a choice. Please help protect our rights and freedoms. Do the right thing for the safety of our children and community. I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Whitney Johnson	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can’t get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community’s health than vaccinations. That’s why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Wiley Petersen	Vaccines are safe, and I don’t want to see the Department of Health and Welfare make any changes to the rules concerning them. A poll shows 90% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe and effective, and that 89% believe it is important to get vaccinated on time and according to current guidelines. Idaho parents need to keep getting the truth about vaccines and their kids’ health. The Department of Health and Welfare can help fill that need by keeping the vaccine rules. I am writing in support of the Idaho DHW in maintain all the current vaccine requirements. Any loosening of those rules would only hurt Idahoans by allowing dangerous diseases back into our communities. The DHW needs to do everything it can to protect our kids from these preventable diseases. I think the current vaccine requirements are too loose. We should strengthen them, but that’s not on the table right now. Let’s keep the vaccine requirements in place.
✓		Yasone Lejardi Krakau	Vaccines have incredible benefits for Idaho families and communities. Those benefits far outweigh the minimal risks associated with them. The much greater risk to the people of Idaho would be even lower vaccination rates. I hope you keep the current rules intact, or even strengthen them. Vaccines help everyone in this state and the vast majority of Idahoans agree with me. There is no greater benefit to the health of a community than a few simple shots to prevent widespread outbreaks of harmful or even deadly diseases.

✓		Yolanda Cabello	Vaccines protect us all, even the people who can't get vaccinated. There is perhaps no greater benefit to a community's health than vaccinations. That's why I am asking the Department of Health and Welfare to not change any of their rules on vaccinations. Widespread immunization protects not just one person or a group of people but large communities from disease.
✓		Yvonne Liescheski	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Alicia Peterson	As temporary admin rules, these and others alike do not benefit the public, fiscal or otherwise. They in fact place a burden on citizens and benefit the agency and professionals. These rules are not deemed necessary nor do they confirm any benefit. In fact, they are an egregious overreach of basic human rights and unconstitutional. Anywhere there are clear medical risks, there must be clear and disclosed informed consent.
✓		Bret Hormuth	As a concerned father, the vaccination issue has come to my attention. Immunizations should always remain a parental choice. Nothing should ever be mandated that pertains to our bodies with the potential of quite severe side effects and consequences. Our body, our choice. Bodily autonomy is a God given right and should not be regulated at any level. There are too many risks and potential consequences with vaccinations and to mandate this when we all have a very unique make up and our own sensitives which cause an array of reactions and in many cases severe medical issues. Exemptions should be clearly disclosed as informed consent when vaccines are the topic and not mandates. The meningitis rule to be mandatory for students Is a clear violation of statute. I am also in shock of what I have about CPS in the state of Idaho. CPS has been acting outside of the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution. Parents are being investigated without due process of law with no clear crime committed, I cannot imagine the trauma these children and families are being put through. Children removed prior to criminal investigations need to stop. This is out of hand.
✓		Sara Bradley	I would like to ask that you do not discard the current vaccine religious/philosophical exemption. Vaccines are good in the idea of what they are supposed to do but are not proven to be safe for all or most individuals. Until vaccines are proven to be safety tested before being forced upon the general population, I require the right to invoke my freedom of choice about what chemicals are being injected in my daughter's body. We are seeing a concerning rise in medical tyranny. Doctors using

			CPS as a means to bully parents who want to find other options than what they provide. Parents should have the right to shop around and compare doctors, as well as medical procedures or options for their child. Please advocate for not only the safety testing of vaccines before public release, but also for the freedom to protect our children's health and our parental right to choose the best path to health. Medical tyranny and corruption is real, and we want to feel safe to seek professional care for our families.
✓		Whitney Hormuth	As a concerned mother, the issue of vaccinations has come to my attention. Immunizations should always remain a parental choice. Nothing should ever be mandated that pertains to our bodies. Our body, our choice. Bodily autonomy is a basic God given right and should not be regulated at any level. There are too many risks and potential consequences with vaccinations and to mandate this when we all have a very unique make up and each our own sensitivities. Exemptions should be clearly disclosed as informed consent when vaccines are the topic and not mandates. The meningitis rule to be mandatory for students is a clear violation of statute. I am also in shock of what I have about CPS in the state of Idaho. CPS has been acting outside of the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution. Parents are being investigated without due process of law with no clear crime committed, I cannot imagine the trauma these children and families are being put through. Children removed prior to criminal investigations need to stop. This is out of hand.
✓		Aby Bellon	I am writing to express my concern about upcoming proposed rules with regard to the following: parental choice for immunizations, overreach from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare through CPS, and mandatory medical testing on newborn babies. I have had the privilege of teaching my children in depth this year the foundations of our nation; the incredible sacrifice that men and women made to ensure our freedoms were protected. I am an Idaho native and have always taken great pride that Idaho has stood by these foundational principles and has always been a state that remains strong in protecting its citizens rights and independence. However, I am highly concerned about the overreach and constitutional violation of these rules. The proposed measures represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. Please protect our rights and our freedoms in Idaho.
✓ (also verbal)		Dawn Antrim	I am a lifelong resident of Idaho. One of the things that make our state so great is the freedom we have when it comes to choice. Vaccines are Russian roulette. My daughter had a severe adverse reaction to vaccines. It took months to get her back to normal. There must be a choice when it comes to medical procedures and injecting anything into our and our children's bodies. Non-vaccinated kids are already discriminated when an "outbreak" happens in the schools. They are sent home for 21 days. Even though vaccinated kids will also catch the disease, the non-vaccinated are sent home. I'm asking that you keep our freedoms when it comes to choice, and our schools are paid for by myself and many others who feel the same way. Our kids must have the right to school and us to keep the rights to choice. Same goes with forced medical testing on newborns. These are our children, not the government and not H&W. We get to choose when tests are done. There has been some major overstepping from H&W taking children that are not vaccinated, medical kidnapping, from their

			parents. H&W has too much power. We need to concentrate on kids who are abused, neglected. I'm asking you allow us to keep this freedom, without the threat of CPS knocking on our door.
✓		Deanna Wilson	Please respect the parents' rights to choose the treatment that is best for their individual children. This includes immunizations, newborn procedures and all other care that children may need. All children are different, and a parent knows her child best. I am deeply concerned with any government intrusion on the family and their right to medical care that they choose. Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare should be a resource for families, not a threat to their health choices or ability to be together.
✓		Jill Watts	As temporary admin rules, these and others alike do not benefit the public, fiscal or otherwise. They in fact place a burden on citizens and benefit the agency and professionals. These rules are not deemed necessary nor do they confirm any benefit. In fact, they are an egregious overreach of basic human rights and unconstitutional. Anywhere there are clear medical risks, there must be clear and disclosed informed consent. The meningitis rule to mandatory for "student" is in clear violation of a statute if it hasn't been changed. CPS agencies are acting outside the scope of the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution. There are clear violations of basic human rights when parents are investigated by CPS without due process of law, no clear crime committed and guilty until proven innocent and all hearing completed behind closed doors with little to no outside support. Any forced medical testing on anyone including adults, children and especially newborns is a clear violation of informed consent and the freedom and liberties protected by the right of property and pursuit of life. Nothing should ever be mandated when it comes to anything pertaining to the body. Please remove these unnecessary rules and alleviate the burned on the state, citizen and fiscal responsibilities of these administrative rules. Please seek alternative legislation that ensures basic fundamental liberties are maintained and not violated.
✓		Korinne Pecunia	Immunizations are a medical decision between doctors and parent. CPS has no place getting involved. Forced medical testing on newborns is absurd. We have HIPPA rights and human rights. Our babies, our choice.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.03.09, 16.02.11, 16.06.12, 16.06.01 and 02			
✓		Kelly Costello	Children are not one size fits all, nor is any medical intervention and as the primary caregivers, parents are in the best position to sort through all of the options for their children and make an informed decision. The role of a politician is to protect parental rights, bodily autonomy, and medical freedom. The role of Health and Welfare is to come alongside parents if needed, to provide support. Rule 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 must be stricken or at the very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. DHW must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. Rule 16.03.09 must be stricken. We must not be bribing low-income individuals to receive liability-free medical procedures in order to qualify for benefits. Rule 16.02.11 must be stricken. This was a mandate made by the rule process. The department circumvented the people and the legislature by mandating the meningitis vaccine for 12 th grade students. Health

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✓		Taylina Rigoulot	Rule 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 must be stricken or at the very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. DHW must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. Rule 16.03.09 must be stricken. We must not be bribing low-income individuals to receive liability-free medical procedures in order to qualify for benefits. Rule 16.02.11 must be stricken. This was a mandate made by the rule process. The department circumvented the people and the legislature by mandating the meningitis vaccine for 12 th grade students. Health Freedom Idaho and several citizens pointed out the fact that the exemption applies to student. The committee approved noting that the error would be corrected. It has not been corrected. Rule 16.06.12 must be stricken. This rule does not clarify that exemptions are available. Rule 16.02.12 should be stricken or at least written as a recommendation not state mandated medical procedures. Decisions on medical testing should be left up to parents and protected by the doctor-patient privilege. Rule 16.06.01 and 02 should be stricken as unconstitutional. These rules allow agencies to operate outside the scope of the US Constitution violating rights protected by the 4 th and 14 th Amendments. CPS cannot constitutionally require an interview of a child.
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✓		Sunny White	I believe that the ultimate responsibility to protect the health and the welfare of Idaho’s children falls not on bureaucrats or politicians but on parents. In order to preserve informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege all medical decisions should be left in the hands of parents and their doctor and not mandated by the State. I am opposed to

			<p>government or legislative intervention and am a staunch proponent of health freedom without mandates put into place which would restrict the right of anyone to make those decisions for themselves. When there are risks to medical treatment, there must be education, transparency, protection and choice for citizen, not rules that cater to agencies, corporations, and government operations. Rules 16.02.15, 16.02.11, 16.03.09, 16.06.12, 16.06.01 are unlawful and unconstitutional and therefore should be stricken. I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.</p>
✓		Bonnie Menth	<p>I am writing to express my concern about upcoming proposed rules with regard to the following: parental choice for immunizations, overreach from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare through CPS, and mandatory medical testing on newborn babies. I have had the privilege of teaching my children in depth this year the foundations of our nation; the incredible sacrifice that men and women made to ensure our freedoms were protected. I am an Idaho native and have always taken great pride that Idaho has stood by these foundational principles and has always been a state that remains strong in protecting its citizens rights and independence. However, I am highly concerned about the overreach and constitutional violation of these rules. The proposed measures represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. Please protect our rights and our freedoms in Idaho.</p>
✓		Leila Recoder	<p>I am writing to request immunization decisions, vaccine exemptions, and medical testing for infants stay out of government and in the hands of families and doctors. I believe medical decisions are personal to those who are affected and after having already fled a tyrannical government to Idaho, I do not wish to see the same things happen to this great state. Please keep current exemptions as is.</p>
✓		Kristin Holden	<p>I am writing to express my concern about upcoming proposed rules with regard to the following: parental choice for immunizations, overreach from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare through CPS, and mandatory medical testing on newborn babies. I am opposed to government or legislative intervention and am a staunch proponent of health freedom without mandates put into place which would restrict the right of anyone to make those decisions for themselves. When there are risks to medical treatment, there must be education, transparency, protection and choice for</p>

			citizens, not rules that cater to agencies, corporations, and government operations. The proposed measures represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bull parents into compliance. These violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, and allow agencies to operate outside the scope of the US Constitution to permit activities which represent investigations conducted without due process and which nullify liberties protected by right of property and pursuit of life. They also directly violate innocent until proven guilty precepts and give preference and protection to criminals.
✓		Marcy Lundberg Moore	My family are protected by the US Constitution from unwarranted search and seizure. My child was given to me and I have the God-given responsibility and rights to protect and care for her. She is not the property of the government, federal or state. My parental rights will not be suppressed in the decisions made in regard to her education, her religious upbringing, her morality, or her physical and medical health. She will not be a pawn in the name of financial gain for the pharmaceutical/political relationships that are sadly intermingled in every facet of our society. The overreach of the local, state, and federal governments into the homes of Americans is terrifying and tyrannical. The time is now, to resist the mandated vaccine schedule that is being forced upon American citizens. Free people are not forced to buy things they don't want, and they are not forced, coerced, or manipulated into receiving invasive medical treatments with threats of fine, ostracization, jail or anything else. We are awake, and we are watching, and we are taking peaceful action to refute all of these gross missteps being taken against us. These rules violate the Bill of Rights 4 th and 14 th Amendments. They circumvent informed consent, discriminate against religious freedom and beliefs, and violate body autonomy. Individual rights and freedoms, and parental rights are way more important than any risk that is being perpetuated by the mass hysteria in the media by the pharmaceutical industry.
✓		Krystal Burke	I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a "recommendation" rather than a requirement/mandate.
✓		Lynn Bailey	I am extremely concerned about the unlawful and/or unconstitutional rules that are about to be put into effect. Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor patient privilege. These rules should be removed or amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a mandate. Rule 16.03.09 bribes low-income individuals to receive

			<p>medical procedures in order to qualify for benefits. There needs to be a clear exemption to these medical procedures. Rule 16.06.12 does not clarify that exemptions are available, implying that services will be denied for those in needs and who qualify for the benefit. This is religious discrimination. The exemptions need to made clear and that services will not be denied if these exemptions are utilized. Rule 16.02.12 testing newborn infants is the jurisdiction of the family and not the civil government. These rules should be written as a recommendation and not mandated. Parents should always have the right to opt out. Rules 16.06.01 and 02 in unconstitutional. CPS cannot constitutionally require an interview of a child under the 4th and 14th amendments of the Constitution. They should be removed from the rules.</p>
Rule 16.02.08			
✓		Frank Plantz	<p>I would like to make a few comments about Idaho's sex change via birth certificate regulation. God creates everyone either a man or a woman. I don't think he takes kindly to our telling him he got it wrong. Bad things happen when we reject the authority of God and refuse to accept him as our moral authority. Y chromosome male, no Y chromosome female. Idaho's current regulation regarding sex on birth certificates makes Idaho both a God and a science denier. There are several legal problems that Idaho's current regulation is going to create and I'm sure with a little effort you can think of many other problems that will arise if this regulation remains as is. Please end this practice of issuing illegitimate birth certificates.</p>
Rule 16.03.09			
✓ (also verbal)		Maggie Paul	<p>I am 18 years old. I recently got my first job this summer, so I am now officially a taxpayer. In thinking through the foundation of our American government, my hope is that my tax payer dollars will be for the good of the people. I recently heard that our state is considering using Medicaid dollars to pay for abortions. I am morally opposed to abortion. It is murdering the most innocent and vulnerable among us. I do not want my taxpayer dollars to fund murder, It is against my conscience. Regarding our health freedom: In thinking about the potential of starting a family in a couple of years, I want to be able to have the liberty to deny suggestions made by doctors for my children. If I want to make a decision regarding my own children, then I respectfully request that no law prevent me from doing that. I don't want to have Children Protective Services be used against me as a threat to take away my child just because I decided to care for my child in a way that differs from the medical advice I have been given. If that is the case, I would seek to live elsewhere. So please honor our individual freedoms and allow us to maintain our rights to make our own health decisions.</p>
All Rules			
	✓ (also written)	Hari Heath	<p>There is a great failure for the government to read the laws that govern it. The Administrative Procedures Act was created first federally in the 1930s and pushed on the states. That's how we get rule making powers. It is an unconstitutional act. When the effect of the rule steps outside of the</p>

			internal operations of a Department that is a lawmaking power that does not belong to the executive branch of government. It is unconstitutional.
Rule 16.03.09			
	✓	Arlene Herndon	I am here to address 16.03.09 which is the rule for allowing Medicaid funding to pay for abortions conceived in rape or incest. We know that this rule stands in complete contradiction of Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution. We are responsible for Idaho. We are not responsible for rulings that are unjust in federal law.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.03.09, 16.06.12, 16.06.01			
	✓	Heather Scott	These are supposed to be negotiated rules. North Idaho is underrepresented in the decision making. Many of your rules do not fit with the culture and the way we live. We value parental rights and parental choice. Rule 16.02.11 on immunization for children the language needs to be changed. It needs to be changed from “requiring” and “mandating” to “recommended”. The Department needs to not hide the fact that children can be exempt from these vaccinations. They violate informed consent, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor patient privilege. We also believe that men and women are adults at age 18. One of your rules has changed the language from “child” to “student” and there are students that are over the age of 18 that have the right to make that decision regarding immunizations. That language needs to be changed. Rule 16.03.09 needs to be removed completely. Giving incentives to low income individuals to receive liability free medical procedures in order to qualify for benefits is discriminatory. We believe in parental rights. Your Idaho childcare program 16.06.12 needs to at least highlight exemptions that are available. Rule 16.02.12 I have a problem with the procedure and testing on newborns. This should not be mandated by the state. Parents are in control of their children. Rule 16.06.01 are completely unconstitutional. Children cannot be detained and questioned without parental consent. I am requesting a public hearing in Bonner County regarding birth certificates being changed.
	✓	Steve Blegenzahn	Regarding the unconstitutionality of this hearing, I believe violates not only the Idaho Constitution but the US Constitution. A rule making process being substituted by a legislative process, which is a denial of due process. Elected legislative representatives should be making the rules as they can be held accountable. Freedom of choice is being taken away by poorly researched, inarticulate science analysis. Vaccine science is not entirely science. As citizens we should have the right to due process and freedom of choice.
	✓	Guy McAninch	I am here to voice my objection to the way in which you view healthcare and especially in how you view a parent’s role in deciding on a child’s healthcare. We as parents only want what is best for our kids. There are two basic philosophies in healthcare. One believes that health is merely the lack of symptoms and if symptoms appear then simply medicating those symptoms away. The other group believes in the reality of our innate intelligence. It enables our bodies to continually strive to perform in its optimum function and is allowed to do so if the conditions are ideal. Why does the DHW feel they have the authority to decide what I can do to help my child achieve optimal health? I’m here to petition the agency to give concrete allowances to parental input into medical treatments and to give the final decision back to the parents where it belongs.

	✓ (also written)	Scott Herndon	Rule 16.02.11 says immunizations are required however there is an opt out option. 16.02.12 requires you take a blood sample and mail it within 24 hours of birth if you have a home birth. That is a violation of the 4 th and 14 th Amendment. This rule needs to be stricken. Rule 16.02.15 language has been changed from “child” to “student” which is against statute. Rule 16.03.09 states the state of Idaho will pay to have your baby dismembered if your baby’s father is a criminal and has committed alleged rape or incest. This violates the Idaho Constitution which states the unalienable right to life. 16.00.1900F which involves CPS which kidnapped 1,374 children from their parents last year typically without any due process for the parents. CPS is a tyranny that in almost all cases offends the Constitution and the established order of authority created by God. The interview of a child must be conducted during an investigation. You need the consent of the parent. This violates the 4 th and 14 th Amendments.
Rule 16.03.09			
	✓ (also written)	Esther Herndon	Rule 16.03.09 IDHW does not care about a certain class of children. God says Thou Shalt Not Murder. This rule supports murdering children whose fathers happen to be rapists. The child did not commit the crime and shouldn’t have to pay for it.
Rule 16.06.01			
	✓ (also written)	Jonathan Herndon	Rule 16.06.01 as a person still young enough to be illegal arrested, kidnapped, or illegally investigated by CPS I would like to speak out on behalf of all the children that have had this happen to them in the state of Idaho. This violates Amendment 14. I would like to see IDHW’s rules reflect the Idaho Constitution.
Rule 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
	✓ (also written)	Naomi Herndon	How can we trust a department that they want our health and welfare but on the other hand will not represent our rights on so many of the rules? They want to inject children with vaccines made with many components that have never been tested on their effects on our health. They have made a rule that murders babies if their father is a certain type of criminal. For the sake of conforming to federal law, we kill babies? They’re willing to deny the rights of children and families by mandating interviews which equates in law to a seizure of children. In doing this they are not in compliance with the Constitution.
Rules 16.03.09, 16.06.01			
	✓ (also written)	Heidi Herndon	Rule 16.03.09 uses federal funding to pay for the murder of babies conceived in rape or incest. Rule 16.06.01 declares mandatory investigation for a child without probable cause or warrant. IDHW should have rules conforming to the Constitution. The liberty and rights of children should not be seized without due process of law.
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15, 16.02.12			
	✓	Dr. Cody Ray	I 100% agree with what everyone has already said regarding mandating vaccines. I am not anti-vaccine but where there is risk there needs to be choice. It is unjust for the state to take that away from us. Rule 16.02.12 the government mandated medical procedure must be weighed against the

			individual's constitutional rights in personal autonomy and bodily integrity. While I agree that this testing is important, it is up to the parent to decide. DNA sample should not be stored for longer than one month for testing. After such testing it should be immediately destroyed. This rule should be stricken or amended to a recommendation.
	✓	Eric Pedersen	You would have to be blind to not see where this going. Clearly when they require something and then give you an opt out they are clearly pushing it in that direction. If there is an opt out for any reason, then it is not required. Obviously, they are pushing vaccines on anybody and everybody and that is the goal. That is a violation of our rights and the government does not have legitimate authority to force that.
	✓	Tammy Pilgrim	I've been a nurse for 24 years. Every week I saw patients come in with an adverse reaction to vaccines. Sadly, after 15 years of working for neurology we reported only one time to VAERS. Kootenai Health requires every employee to have a flu shot or they fire them. I myself had an adverse reaction to the Hep B vaccine.
	✓	Jade Huguenot	I would like those rules stricken or at the very least amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a mandate. The Health and Welfare Department must be more transparent that exemptions are available. In 1986, liability was removed from immunization manufacturers. The VAERS system is not adequate. Rule 16.02.12 should not mandate the testing of newborn babies. The DNA samples should be destroyed as soon as the testing is complete.
	✓	Judy Walniakowski	I am concerned that once it is mandated for one population it will be mandated for all. I am 100% against a government agency mandating anything to do with vaccines. Human genome research is demonstrating how individual we all are so a move to treating everyone the same seems contradictory. The one size fits all approach to immunizations ignores the complexity and diversity of the human immune system. Requiring vaccinations across the board for any specific population or age is reckless. I understand there may be some incentive to get these vaccine mandates approved. Instead of following in the footsteps of what other states have done, you need to do some research and you can be at the forefront of a more personalized approach to it.
	✓	Katherine Hoyer	I'm here to represent Panhandle Health District. Immunizations protect our communities against diseases that can be debilitating and deadly. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to keep children healthy. School requirements for vaccinations help ensure that children receive the protection they need. Panhandle Health Department respects a parent's right to choose. We are in support of the current vaccine requirements.
	✓	Simona Mojcis	These rules are not written as recommendations, these are written as mandates. It is not the government's role to mandate medical procedures to Idaho's children. The decision should be made the parents in consultation with their child's doctor. Taking this mandate out of the code would be the most constitutional option here. The language change from "child" to "student" which isn't defined in the code and Health and Welfare did state that they were going to correct that. These rules allow CPS to operate outside the scope of the Constitution. They should be stricken as unconstitutional. I have grave concerns about the United States vaccine program and how it relates to Idaho. The vaccine manufacturers have complete immunity to any liability, taking away any incentive to create a safe product. We need to stop blindly repeating the mantra that vaccines are safe and effective. We

			need a true risk vs benefit analysis. Ultimately this decision needs to remain with the parents not government agencies.
	✓	Silas Paul	I would hope to be able to determine the care for my children that I decide is best. Medicine is an ever-changing science that continues to offer new health options. The health Department should have no right to force medical procedures on anyone. This defies our personal liberties and sets a dangerous precedent for future laws.
	✓	Philip McGuire	Regarding the newborn testing, often they do testing that is probably unethical and plays God. Often there are a lot of false positives with screenings. It could possibly save lives, but it should be an option for parents. I don't believe that babies should be killed for the sins of the father.
	✓ (also written)	Alexandria Yandt	Vaccines have been ruled by the Supreme Court as "unavoidably safe". They contain mercury in the multi dose flu vaccine. There has never been a double-blind placebo-controlled study of on multi dose vaccines. This is the gold standard for all other drugs. You cannot sue a vaccine manufacturer if their product harms you. I don't favor giving up liberty for a false sense of security.
	✓	Melody Frazier	I strongly oppose these unlawful and unconstitutional rules in regard to vaccination. Section 13 of every vaccine guide or insert states that this vaccine has never been evaluated for carcinogenic potential, mutant genetic potential, or impairment of fertility. Because of what this section says we can never mandate this liability free product. These rules must be changed or amended to a "recommendation" rather than a "requirement". By not legally notifying parents of the exemptions you are lying to them and coercing them to submit to a liability free forced injection in order for their kids to attend school or daycare. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor patient privilege.
	✓	Cathi Heberling	I have 3 children that were all vaccine injured in some degree. My job as a parent is to protect my kids. The government should not be making the decision whether parents medicate their children or themselves. Because vaccines do cause injury they must remain a parent's choice.
	✓	Christy McAnally	I am a parent and a social worker. One of the things I will speak on is the social worker code of ethics that speaks to the important of evaluation and research as well as informed consent. A social workers responsibility is to act to expand choice and opportunity to all people with special regard to vulnerable, disadvantaged, oppressed, and exploited people and groups. I believe that those who choose not to vaccinate have been bullied, misrepresented and underestimated. We are not anti-vaccine, we are prochoice, pro parent consent, pro science and pro medical freedom. Informed consent in a human right. Vaccination does not equal immunization. There are differing reactions to vaccines. Parents are the best advocates for their children. Where there is risk there must be choice.
	✓	Michelle Mandolf	Doctors and nurses these days are totally taught by the pharmaceutical industry. My daughter received a call from the doctor saying if she didn't bring her daughter in for a well child check he would call CPS. There is no money in making our children healthy. 54% of American children have chronic illnesses. There have never been testing on pregnant women.
	✓	Rachelle Emery	Who gets to give the right to define safety and health to the Department of Health and Welfare? Who authorized that they get to define what health and safety is? The health department shouldn't be reaching out to and partnering only with allopathic organizations but also with other modalities of

			health. We have the right to decide which modality we are going to use for our health and our children's. There is no liability to the pharmaceutical companies and because of that there should not be any mandating of vaccines. We should have been given more time to study the rules.
	✓	Brooke Siemers	Every rule is in violation of the Constitution and should be abolished. We do not need the Health and Welfare Department in any way shape or form. I am against vaccines. CPS should not be allowed to just come into someone's house. Parents have a right to say no.
	✓	Lou Munilla	The pharmaceutical industry continues to prosper because they have no liability. The CPS are acting like the police who are enforcing the pharmaceutical industries business. The concept of herd immunity is communist. We are about the individual in this country. I don't care about the herd, I care about my family and my children. Parental consent is something we shouldn't have to even be defending.
	✓	Holly Handeen	I just want the right to parent my children how I see is best. I don't want to be scared to go to a doctor because they might threaten me with CPS. Please let us have choice. I want what I'm saying to make a difference.
	✓	Andrew Netzel	The question we should be asking is, "Do vaccines work"? Assuming they do work, you get your injection and leave me alone since you are safe. But that is not good enough. Back in 1986 we had a whooping cough epidemic. The vaccinated kids were the ones getting whooping cough. Please stand your ground and support us.
	✓	Eric Seeley	These bureaucrats should not be telling us that we cannot take care of our children. If we don't fight for our parental rights we might as well leave.
	✓	Stephanie Kimener	We want what is best for our children and we don't believe that mandating vaccines is best for them. I get very concerned when government uses the guise of the greater good to achieve tyranny over the American people. You have the job to protect our freedoms and not take them away, medical freedom included.
	✓	Afshin Yaghtin	The will of the people is clear. The people are highly informed and educated. We have not heard any facts, just the mantra that vaccines are safe. There are no double-blind placebo tests done on vaccines.
	✓	Jessica Harris	I should not have to worry about taking my children to the hospital and fear CPS will medically kidnap my children.
	✓	Nicole Biegenzahn	Opinions are not facts. Diseases are cyclical, and they will never be completely eradicated. Vaccines are neither safe nor effective. Science is never settled, it is always evolving. You can't spread a disease that you don't have. Today's children are sicker than ever before. Unvaccinated children and adults are much healthier than vaccinated ones. Vaccine injuries are not rare. Conflicts of interest are rampant in the CDC and the FDA. CDC members own patents connected to vaccinations.
	✓	Christina Nixon	I work in a medical facility. Medical facilities push flu vaccinations on their employees for financial incentives. There is financial incentives for medical facilities with 70% of their employees vaccinated. How can we believe these vaccines are really for the health of people or are they for financial benefits?

	✓	Tony Wisniewski	I am a freshman legislator for Kootenai County. There is a lot of pressure both direct and indirect from people that give testimony in Boise. These are called legislative advisors, aka lobbyists. “I would rather live under a dangerous liberty than a peaceful slavery”.
	✓	Ingri Cassel	The pertussis epidemic was being caused mainly by the DTaP vaccine. I am opposed to mandatory vaccines.
	✓	Andra Wilson	I believe we live in a constitutional republic where are rights as individuals are protected. I am concerned about mandating vaccines because there are a lot of things about vaccines I am concerned about. How can the government be practicing medicine without a license? The pharmaceutical companies have no liability. There have been no double-blind studies to test for their safety. The CDC lists many toxic ingredients including aborted babies which is an abomination. We believe in property rights and my body is my property. I’m concerned that exemptions will be removed like other states. Parental rights are foundational to our country. Legislature needs to perform their duty and needs to discard all that does not conform to the Idaho Constitution.
All Rules			
	✓	Dr. Guy Wilson	Throw all the rules and laws out and let’s get back to what’s really important to our livelihood. I don’t believe that any man has any greater right over the life and property of another man. The legislators have been taking advantage of our rights for a long time. Why are they not protecting us?
Rules 16.02.11, 16.02.15			
	✓	Bethany Wilks	I request these rules be stricken or at the very least amended to “recommendations” rather than “requirements”. The Department of Health and Welfare needs to be more transparent in offering exemptions to parents. I am pro healthy and pro safety, not anti-vaccine. Vaccines are not without risk. I am for informed consent. Schools are not being 100% honest about needing vaccines to enter school and that there are exemptions available. Rule 16.02.09 needs to be stricken. DHW should be more transparent in parental rights and we shouldn’t punish these at-risk populations for elective medical procedures. Rule 16.06.12 also DHW should be transparent of parental rights and Idaho law. Rule 16.06.01 CPS oversteps its bounds and fails children in other ways. These rules need to be stricken as unconstitutional. These rules allow CPS to operate outside the scope of the US Constitution.
✓ (also verbal)		Kenneth Cox	It is the position of the Minidoka County School District that we support and uphold the current Idaho law regarding immunization requirements for school attendance. Any further weakening of this law puts our students and community at risk. Vaccines have reduced and eliminated many diseases in our state. However, pockets of unvaccinated children continue to exist. Unvaccinated and under-vaccinated children increase vulnerability for vaccine preventable diseases to resurface in our community. Current Idaho immunization law, supported by our school district, protect the health of our students and our community at large.
Rules 16.02.15, 16.02.11,16.03.09, 16.06.12, 16.06.01,16.06.02			
✓		Judy Call	I have concerns about these policies and the information they are derived from. Due to these concerns, the administrative rules under IDAPA 16 need further serious scrutiny, revision or even

			<p>excision. Furthermore, they should be binding or even urged upon anyone against their will. 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 Requirements for Immunizations. Should be removed from the rules or at the very least amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a mandate. The wording violates informed consent, bodily autonomy and parental rights. They appear to coerce and bully into compliance. The meningitis mandate added for 12th graders is unnecessary and should be removed or at the very least amended to reflect a recommendation only. He right of choice must be safeguarded. Rule 16.03.09 on Medicare Plan Benefits. The benefits offered for immunization compliance constitutes bribery. Rule 16.06.12 need to declare exemption options. Rule 16.02.12 should be a recommendation only and parents should have the right to opt out. Rule 16.06.01 and 16.06.02 on Rules for Conducting CPS Investigations, specifically that the interviewing of children vidates rights protected by the 4th and 14th</p> <p>Amendments and the rules of search and seizure are unconstitutional and should be removed from the administrative rules. I fear that the direction of certain Idaho health policy wording is taking us down a very slippery slope. Please, recommend away if you must, but do not require or mandate or lead our citizens to believe they have no choice or that they must look for that choice option in the fine print. I would like it clear and obvious that we still have the right to choose.</p> <p>Making health decisions for my family is my responsibility and no one else. Your job is to protect my rights.</p>
✓ (also verbal)		Erika Borgholthaus	<p>Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 need to be repealed or at the very least, changed from requirements/mandates to recommendations. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights and medical privacy. The rules are constantly abused to make parents think they are mandated for school attendance. This is coercion.</p>
✓ (also verbal)		Glenneda Zuiderveld	<p>I oppose IDAPA 16.02.15 and 16.02.11. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor-patient privilege. These rules represent a clear violation of human rights as they go beyond the scope of the law and seek to coerce and bully parents into compliance. These rules must be stricken or at least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate. The health and Welfare Department must be more transparent and specify that exemptions are available. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate.</p>
✓ (also verbal)		Tyler Payne	<p>Vaccines do carry some risk, but it would be foolish to consider the risks while discounting the benefits. We don’t just vaccinate for the current generation. We vaccinate for the future generations as well.</p>
✓		Unknown	<p>If vaccines are safe and effective, then we should be allowed to choose to get them. If someone feels otherwise, then they should be allowed to not get them.</p>

✓		Health Freedom Idaho	<p>"Medicaid Basic Benefits Plan" Rule 16.03.09 must be stricken. Health and Welfare must be more transparent when it comes to parental rights and Idaho law and in no way punish or reward an at-risk population for elective medical procedures. We must not be bribing low-income individuals to receive liability-free medical procedures in order to qualify for benefits. Forcing those in greatest need into using liability-free medical products in compliance with ACIP vaccine schedule discriminates against religious/personal beliefs as there is no option for exemption from the immunization portion. 16.02.11 Meningitis for 12th graders for school year 2020/2021 Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken. This was a mandate made by the rule process. The department circumvented the people and the legislature by mandating the meningitis vaccine for 12th grade students. HFI and several citizens pointed out the fact that the exemption applies to child not student. The committee approved, noting the error would be corrected. It has not been corrected. Rule 16.06.12 must be stricken. Health and Welfare must be more transparent of parental rights and Idaho law and in no way punish or reward an at-risk population for elective medical procedures. Rule 16.02.12 Should be stricken or at very least written as a recommendation NOT state-mandated medical procedure. Decisions on medical testing should be left up to parents and protected by the doctor-patient privilege. Rule 16.06.01 (559) 01 and 02 should be stricken as unconstitutional. These rules allow agencies to operate outside the scope of the U.S. Constitution violating rights protected by the 4th and 14th amendments</p>
	✓	Dr. Carolyn Bridges	<p>I support Idaho's school vaccine requirements. I'm a Boise physician and Idaho native who has worked on immunization related research and policy for 23 years. I'm a board certified internal medicine physician, I have worked 21 years on vaccine related issues at the CDC. I'm the current chair of the American College of Physicians Immunizations committee. I'm an expert consultant to the immunization action coalition and I've given numerous talks on vaccine recommendations around the country and Idaho. I have also been a participant in 2 vaccine trials. I have never accepted funding from a vaccine manufacturer. Vaccines are safe and effective. They are required to be by the FDA. They are enormously cost effective and cost saving, second only to clean water in terms of public health impact. Rigorous scientific studies clearly indicate the benefits of vaccines. The recommendations on the use of vaccines in the United States are based on rigorous review and analyses of scientific studies. Vaccines protect both children and adults and their communities. Idaho's exemption policies are the broadest in the United States and they've resulted the highest exemption rates in the United States. This puts Idahoans at increased risk. Please do not weaken the ability to protect Idaho's children any more than has already been done with current legislation.</p>
	✓	Silvanna Topete	<p>It's baffling that I have to find information about vaccines outside my physician's office. The lack of information about the adverse reactions to vaccines is a violation of my constitutional rights. One major concern for me is the complete lack of informed consent. I am opposed to rules requiring immunizations to attend school/child care. These rules violate informed consent, medical privacy, and doctor patient privilege. Government officials do not have the right to make decisions regarding any medical procedure. Wording such as "requirements" must be amended to reflect "recommendations". Where there is a risk there must be a choice.</p>

✓	Theresa Strolberg	The language should be changed in these rules from “mandate” to “recommendation”. We, as citizens of the constitutional United States, have the right to choose. We need to abolish the vaccine court. Vaccine manufactures need to be responsible for their actions. Ingredients such as fetal infants from abortions, monkeys, and mercury are dangerous. Hepatitis B is transmitted through sexual content and no baby I know has sex. All procedures and tests done on newborns should be done only with the parent’s consent. 92% of people who contract meningitis have been vaccinated for it. The language should be changed to “recommended”. The Amish do not vaccinate, and autism is extremely rare in the community. All rules must have exemptions clearly stated. We are not medical experiments. We should have no mandates, we should have choice.
✓	Maggie Mann	Immunizations protect us from vaccine preventable diseases. Just this year in Idaho, we have experienced measles, hepatitis A and pertussis. These outbreaks have been fueled by low immunization rates. Vaccination is a safe, proven effective way to help keep people healthy. SE Public Health respects that all parents have the right to make choices of immunizations for their children. SE Public Health supports the current immunization rules which protect Idaho children from vaccine preventable diseases.
✓	Anita Andress	Harvard put together the Pilgrim Report which showed how ineffective VAERS was. There has been no blind study of vaccines proving they are safe and effective. Idaho rules need to reflect that vaccines are recommended not required. We do not need exemptions from the state for permission to not vaccinate. If we don’t have autonomy over our body, then we do not have freedom.
✓	Jane Steinagel	I appreciate the opportunity to choose to not vaccinate. I hope Idaho will consider continuing that right for parents. I would like the wording to be “recommended” and not “required”.
✓	Jennetta Billhimer	I just ask that you stand for our right to protect our children against something that we feel is not right for our children.
✓	Denise Martinez	I see families moving to states, like Idaho, from other states, hoping to have their rights protected. You are not allowed to coerce, manipulate and bully parents. You are not allowed to weaponize CPS in order for compliance in convincing people to take part in any medical procedure. These rules violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, doctor patient privilege, parental rights, and medical privacy. Parents also deserve to know that exemptions are available. These rules must be removed or at the very least made recommendations not mandates.
✓	Jennifer Jensen	I am disappointed in seeing where things are headed in Idaho. I have serious concerns regarding parental choice for vaccines. Rules 16.02.15 and 16.02.11 violate informed consent, bodily autonomy, parental rights, medical privacy and doctor patient privilege. These rules should be removed or amended to reflect a recommendation rather than a mandate. Available exemptions should be clearly displayed. I don’t understand why the state is threatened by the 3% of unvaccinated I this state. If vaccines work, then my unvaccinated children should be no threat to you. No pharmaceutical is a one size fits all. The additional meningitis vaccine requirement was added for the 20-21 school year under the guise that it would protect potential college-bound students from the exceedingly rare disease that affects less than 400 individuals a year. The Health Department reports that LESS THAN 3 individuals annually in Idaho and NO reported students have been affected in the last decade. The CDC reports that 92% of the college students who got meningitis were vaccinated

			with this vaccine. Additional vaccination mandate must be stricken or at very least amended to reflect a “recommendation” rather than a requirement/mandate
	✓	Liz Niccum	Why are children all treated the same? I am all about putting the choice into the parent’s hands and not mandating. Requirements for vaccinations needs to be changed to recommendations and educate parents on the risks of vaccinations so they can make an educated decision.
	✓	Paul Thompson	The jurisdiction of the family continues to be ignored and thwarted by the state. The Idaho Constitution agrees that the family is the very foundation of our culture. The duty of the state is the protect its citizens, not for criminalizing families for doing what is best for their families.
	✓	Brianna Wright	I want to go on record in support of our human and constitutional right to choose for ourselves and our families. I am fully against vaccine mandates and requirements.
	✓	Alice Hansen	After vaccinating my older children, I stopped vaccinating the younger ones. They were healthier than the vaccinated ones. I have seen many families that have had very severe reactions to immunizations. I would like to maintain our freedoms as parents to choose whether or not to vaccinate our children.
	✓	Carrie Bernard	I would like to caution Idaho to stop mandating anything until they see what is happening in other states. Vaccine manufacturers have complete legal immunity.