

One in Four Parents Refuse Clot Shots for Kids

On April 12, 2022, the Washington State Board of Health voted to not require COVID-19 vaccines for children to attend schools and day cares. Parents, including some of those publicly commenting on the proposed regulation, threatened to pull their children out of public schools should a COVID vaccine mandate go into effect.

The effectiveness of a mandate in Washington state schools was also questioned due to a survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation showing **28% of parents surveyed would "definitely not" vaccinate their children, with just 4% of that group saying a vaccine requirement would change their mind.** Note: This was a national poll taken in January 2022. As reports on child clot shot injuries and deaths increase, the percent of parents refusing to clot shot their kids is likely to increase.

The board received thousands of public comments, both written and verbal, opposing the mandate of the COVID clot shots in schools. During his 11-year tenure on the board, President Keith Grellner said he cannot recall a time when there was so much public response and reaction to the board's potential actions.

"It's nothing like what we've had the last year and a half or two years — it's nothing — the scope, the depth, the intensity, this is warp-speed above anything else we've dealt with," Grellner said.

The board also left open the door to revisit requiring the COVID clot shot in schools in the future if it's necessary due to a new variant or more severe disease in children.

The Board of Health alone has the authority to require vaccinations for students for entry to day cares and schools in Washington state, per state law. **Note: The final statement is factually incorrect. The law giving the Board of Health, controlled by the Governor, the authority to make this decision is a violation of the Washington State Constitution – which specifically prohibits the legislature from passing any law regarding the management of our public schools!**

A national poll conducted in March 2022 found that 44% want to continue wearing face masks. This was down significantly from the beginning of 2022 when 65% said they wanted the mask mandate.