

These WAC sections were revised on January 11, 2015 and that revision required all foster parents, their household members over the age of eighteen years, and agency staff or volunteers to submit a negative TB test. There are applicants that receive a positive TB test, but have "latent TB" which is not contagious and does not pose a risk to others. This will allow for these applicants to be licensed.

The revised WACs also required all foster parents, their household members and agency staff or volunteers receive the influenza vaccination in order to be licensed to serve children birth to two years of age. This current WAC revision will allow an exception to the influenza vaccination for foster parents and their household members, agency staff and volunteers with a medical doctor's (MD) statement if the vaccine would cause severe medical consequences to the person and there are no other alternate influenza vaccines that would not cause medical issues. This will allow these applicants and agencies to be licensed for birth to two years of age.