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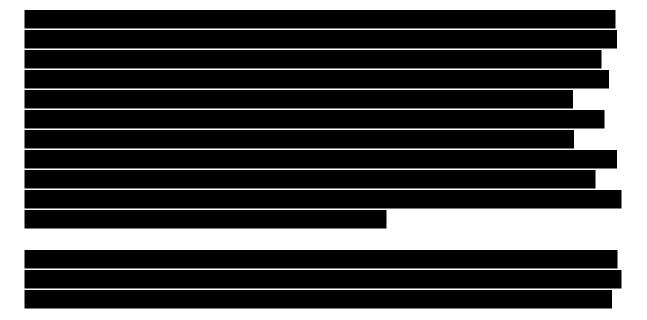
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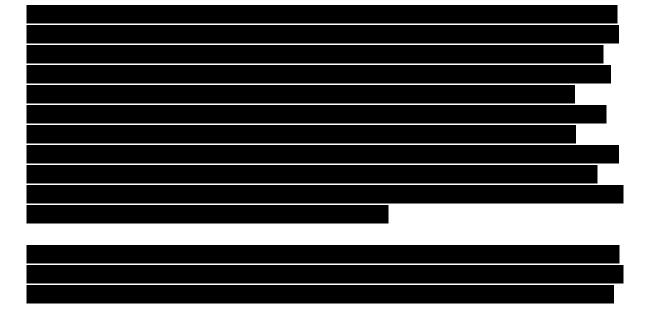
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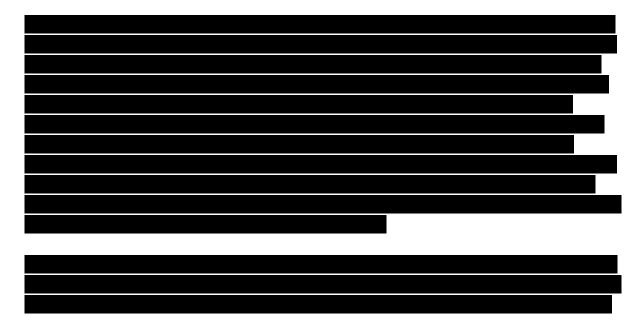
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Do we have a statement on this?

My understanding is that once ACIP recommends something, the IDPH Immunization Advisory Committee could pick it up to add to the required list of school vaccines. If I'm remembering the statute correctly, there would have to be three public hearings.

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Hi Allison,

Hope all is well. I'm sure IDPH is getting questions about the COVID vaccine in schools after the CDC made their suggestions, but our office has some as well.

What would the process be to mandate the COVID vaccine for children to enter school? Do you know if there is something in the works? Is it within the Governor's executive powers to mandate this?

We're getting some feedback from constituents, and we just want to be sure we're knowledgeable on the situation when we're responding.

Thanks,

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