

# Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements 2018-2019

## Grades Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup>

Requirements apply to all students including individuals from another country attending or visiting classes or educational programs as part of an academic visitation or exchange program. In ungraded classrooms, Kindergarten requirements apply to all students at or under 5 years.

DtaP	<b>5 doses;</b> 4 doses are acceptable if the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose is given in or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. DT is only acceptable with a letter stating a medical contradiction to DtaP.
Polio	<b>4 doses;</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> dose must be given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday and 26 months after the previous dose, or a 5 <sup>th</sup> dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose is given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday and 16 months after the previous dose.
Hepatitis B	<b>3 doses;</b> laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
MMR	<b>2 doses;</b> first dose must be given on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose must be given at least 28 days after dose 1; laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable
Varicella	<b>2 doses;</b> first dose must be given on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose must be given at least 28 days after dose 1; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
Meningococcal	<b>1 dose;</b> 1 dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) required for newly enrolled full time students attending a secondary school with grades 9-12 who live in a congregate living arrangement approved by the secondary school (e.g. dormitory). Students may decline MenACWY vaccine after they have read and signed the MDPH Meningococcal Information and Waiver Form provided by their institution. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement

- A reliable history of chickenpox includes a diagnosis of chickenpox, or an interpretation of parent/guardian description of chickenpox, by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or designee.
- Medical exemptions (dated statement signed by a physician stating that a vaccine(s) are medically contraindicated for a student) and religious exemptions (dated statements signed by a student or parent/guardian, of the student is <18 years of age, stating that a vaccine(s) are against sincerely held religious beliefs) must be renewed annually, at the start of the program

## Grades 7-12

Requirements apply to all students including individuals from another country attending or visiting classes or educational programs as part of an academic visitation or exchange program. In ungraded classrooms, Grade 7 requirements apply to all students at or under 12 years.

DtaP	<b>1 doses;</b> and history of DtaP primary series or age-appropriate catch-up vaccination. Tdap given at or under 7 years may be counted, but a dose at age 11-12 is recommended if Tdap was given earlier as part of a catch-up schedule. Td should be given if it has been at or >10 years since Tdap
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