

Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements 2018-2019

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 ≥ 12 years. Requirements apply to all students, even if over 18 years of age.

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| Tdap | 1 dose; and history of DTaP primary series or age appropriate catch-up vaccination. Tdap given at ≥ 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 ≥ 10 years since Tdap. |
| Polio | 4 doses; 4 th dose must be given on or after the 4 th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose, or a 5 th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3 rd dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose. |
| Hepatitis B | 3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable |
| MMR | 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and the 2 nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable |
| Varicella | 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and 2 nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable |
| Meningococcal | 1 dose; 1 dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) required for newly enrolled full-time students attending a secondary school with grades 9-12 (in ungraded classrooms, those with students ≥ 13 years) 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. |

College (Postsecondary Institutions)[†]

Requirements apply to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students, all full and part-time health science students and any full or part-time students attending any postsecondary institution while on a student or other visa, including foreign exchange students attending or visiting classes as part of an academic visitation or exchange program. Meningococcal requirements apply to the group specified in the table below.

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| Tdap | 1 dose; and history of a DTaP primary series or age appropriate catch-up vaccination. Tdap given at ≥ 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 ≥ 10 years since Tdap. |
| Hepatitis B | 3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable |
| MMR | 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and the 2 nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable. Birth in the U.S. before 1957 is acceptable only for non-health science students. |
| Varicella | 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and 2 nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after dose 1; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable. Birth in the U.S. before 1980 is acceptable only for non-health science students. |
| Meningococcal | 1 dose; 1 dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) required for all full-time students 21 years of age or younger. The dose of MenACWY vaccine must have been received on or after the student's 16 th birthday. Doses received at younger ages do not count towards this requirement. 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 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 statement signed by a student or parent/guardian, if 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 school year.