

Woburn Public Schools Health Services

Immunization Information

In accordance with Massachusetts State Law (MGL c76, ss15 and 15c, 105 CMR 220.000), no child shall be admitted to school except upon presentation of a physician's certificate stating that the child has been successfully immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health specifies that the following doses of immunizations are required for entry into kindergarten:

DTaP/DTP	5 doses	MMR	2 doses
Polio	4 doses	Varicella	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses		

Additionally, according to the Massachusetts General Law 105 CMR 460.050E, if children have never been screened for lead poisoning, they must be screened at entry to kindergarten, and present evidence of such screening. If they have previously been screened for lead poisoning, they need not be screened again to fulfill kindergarten entry requirements, but must present evidence of previous screening.

As of 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires physician certification of the following additional immunization for entry into 7th grade.

Tdap	1 dose	Varicella	2 doses
MMR	2 doses		

There are two situations in which children who are not appropriately immunized may be admitted to school:

- 1) a **medical exemption** is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated; and
- 2) a **religious exemption** is allowed if a parent or guardian submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.

Exclusion During Disease Outbreaks

In situations when one or more cases of a vaccine-preventable or any other communicable disease are present in a school, all susceptibles, **including those with medical or religious exemptions**, are subject to exclusion as described in the Reportable Diseases and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements (105 CMR 300.000).

For more information contact your school nurse, your health care provider or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program @ 888 658-2850.