

Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements 2006*

	Child Care/Preschool ¹	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	College ²
Hepatitis B³	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses for all health science students and all full-time undergraduate and graduate students
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td⁴	≥ 4 doses DTaP/DTP	5 doses DTaP/DTP	≥ 4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥ 3 doses Td	4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥ 3 doses Td; <i>plus</i> 1 Td booster	1 Td booster within last 10 years
Polio⁵	≥ 3 doses	4 doses	≥ 3 doses	≥ 3 doses	N/A
Hib⁶	1 to 4 doses ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MMR⁷	1 dose	2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella
Varicella⁸	1 dose	1 dose	1 dose	< 13 yrs. - 1 dose ≥ 13 yrs. - 2 doses	N/A
Meningococcal⁹	N/A	N/A	N/A (see footnote ⁹)	1 dose for all new students (applies to residential schools only)	1 dose for all new students (applies to colleges that provide housing only)

* These requirements also apply to **all** new “enterers”.

N/A means there is no vaccine requirement for the grades indicated.

¹**Child Care/Preschool:** Minimum requirements by 24 months; younger children should be immunized according to schedule for their age.

²**College:** Requirements apply to: 1) all full-time undergraduate and graduate students; 2) all full-time and part-time health science students; and 3) any full-time or part-time student attending any postsecondary institution while on a student or other visa, including foreign students attending or visiting classes as part of a formal academic visitation or exchange program.

³**Hepatitis B:** 3 doses are required for child care attendance and entry into preschool, kindergarten - 12th grade and college (full-time undergraduate and graduate students, as well as all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate health science students). Laboratory proof of immunity is acceptable.

⁴**DTaP/DTP/DT/Td:** ≥ 4 doses are required for child care attendance and entry into preschool. 5 doses of DTaP/DTP are required for school entry unless the fourth dose is given on or after the 4th birthday. DT is only acceptable when accompanied by a letter stating a medical contraindication to DTaP/DTP. A **single** booster dose of Td is required for all students entering grades 7-12. (Tdap is also acceptable.) Please note: Td is not required if it has been < 5 years since their last dose of DTaP/DTP/DT.

⁵**Polio:** ≥ 3 doses are required for child care attendance and entry into preschool. 4 doses are required for school entry, unless the third dose of an all-IPV or all-OPV schedule is given on or after the 4th birthday, in which case only 3 doses are needed. However, if the sequential or a mixed IPV/OPV schedule was used, 4 doses are always required to complete the primary series.

⁶**Hib:** Hib vaccine is required for child care attendance and preschool entry. The number of primary doses is determined by vaccine product and age the series begins.

⁷**MMR:** 1 dose is required for child care attendance and entry into preschool. A second dose of measles vaccine, given at least 4 weeks after the first, is required for entry to all grades K-12, and college. Laboratory proof of immunity is acceptable.

⁸**Varicella:** 1 dose is required for child care attendance and for all students at entry to preschool and kindergarten - 12th grade, unless they have a physician-certified reliable history of chickenpox. If the child is ≥ 13 years of age at first vaccination, 2 doses are required.

A reliable history of chickenpox is defined as: 1) physician interpretation of parent/guardian description of chickenpox; 2) physician diagnosis of chickenpox; or 3) laboratory proof of immunity.

⁹**Meningococcal: Beginning in August 2005,** meningococcal immunization is required for: 1) all new students at public and private residential schools with grades 9-12 (in the case of ungraded classrooms, those with students 13 years or older); and 2) all new, full- and part-time, undergraduate and graduate students in degree-granting programs at postsecondary schools (e.g., colleges) that provide or license housing. These institutions are also required to supply all new students or their parent/legal guardian with the MDPH developed Meningococcal Information and Waiver Form.

All new students at the affected institutions must: 1) receive information about meningococcal disease and vaccine; and 2) provide documentation of receipt of 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine within the last 5 years.

As an alternative, new students or their parent/legal guardian may sign the Meningococcal Information and Waiver Form developed by MDPH to indicate that they have read and understood the required information related to the risks of meningococcal disease, and have elected to decline the vaccine.

At all affected institutions, these requirements apply to **all new students** regardless of grade, year of study and **whether or not** they reside in school or campus-related housing. Please note at residential schools, the requirements apply to students in lower grades (pre-K through 8) if the school combines these grades in the same school or part of a school with students in grades 9-12.

Please note: An amendment has been filed that could change the scope of these requirements. If and when the law is amended, regulations regarding meningococcal vaccination may change. If the proposed legislation is enacted, MDPH will make appropriate notification.