

Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements for School Year 2015-2016*

	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 full-time undergraduate and graduate students
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap⁴	≥4 doses DTaP/DTP	5 doses DTaP/DTP	≥4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥3 doses Td	4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥3 doses Td; plus 1 dose Tdap (See Phase-In Schedule)	All health science students and full-time undergraduate and graduate students: 1 dose Tdap
Polio⁵	≥3 doses	4 doses	≥3 doses	≥3 doses	NA
Hib⁶	1 to 4 doses ⁶	NA	NA	NA	NA
MMR⁷	1 dose	2 doses	Grades 1-4: 2 doses Grades 5-6: 2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella (See Phase-In Schedule)	Grades 7-11: 2 doses Grade 12: 2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella (See Phase-In Schedule)	All health science students and full-time undergraduate and graduate students: 2 doses
Varicella⁸	1 dose	2 doses	Grades 1-4: 2 doses Grades 5-6: 1 dose (See Phase-In Schedule)	Grades 7-11: 2 doses Grade 12: 1 dose (See Phase-In Schedule)	All health science students and full-time undergraduate and graduate students: 2 doses
Meningococcal^{9,10}	NA	NA	NA ¹⁰	1 dose for new full-time residential students ⁹	1 dose for full-time residential students ⁹

*These requirements also apply to all new “enterers.” NA = no vaccine requirement for the grades indicated.

¹**Child Care/Preschool:** Minimum requirements by 24 months; immunize younger children according to 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 required for child care attendance and preschool entry, kindergarten-12th grade, and college (see footnote 2 above). Laboratory proof of immunity is acceptable.

⁴**DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap:** ≥4 doses required for child care attendance and preschool entry; 5 doses of DTaP/DTP required for school entry unless the 4th dose is given ≥ the 4th birthday. DT is only acceptable with a letter stating a medical contraindication to DTaP/DTP. **One dose of Tdap is required for all students entering grade 7-11, full-time college freshmen-graduates and all health science students.** If it has been <5 years since the last dose of DTaP/DTP/DT/Td, Tdap is not required but is recommended regardless of the interval since the last tetanus-containing vaccine. See Phase-In Schedule below.

⁵**Polio:** ≥3 doses required for child care attendance and entry into preschool. 4 doses required for school entry, unless the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday, and ≥6 months following the previous dose, in which case only 3 doses are needed. Administer the final dose in the series on or after the 4th birthday and ≥6 months following the previous dose. If 4 doses are administered before age 4 years, a 5th dose is recommended at age 4 - 6 years.

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

⁷**MMR:** 1 dose of MMR is required for child care attendance and preschool entry; **2 doses are required for kindergarten-grade 4, grade 7-11, full-time undergraduate and graduate students and all health science students.** Laboratory proof of immunity is acceptable. **For college students, except health science students, birth before 1957 in the U.S. is also acceptable.** See Phase-In Schedule below.

⁸**Varicella:** 1 dose required for child care attendance and preschool entry; **2 doses required for kindergarten-grade 4, grade 7-11, full-time undergraduate and graduate students and all health science students, unless they have a reliable history of chickenpox.** A reliable history includes a diagnosis of chickenpox, or interpretation of parent/guardian description of chickenpox, by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or designee; or 2) laboratory proof of immunity. **Birth before 1980 in U.S. is acceptable for college students, except health science students.** See Phase-In Schedule below.

⁹**Meningococcal:** 1 dose MCV4, or a dose of MPSV4 in the last 5 years, is required for 1) newly enrolled full-time students attending a secondary school with grades 9-12 (in ungraded classrooms, those with students ≥ 13 years) who will live in a dormitory or comparable congregate living arrangement approved by the secondary school; and 2) newly enrolled full-time undergraduate and graduate students in a degree program at a postsecondary institution (e.g., college) who will live in a dormitory or comparable congregate living arrangement approved by the institution.

Students may decline the vaccine after they have read and signed the MDPH Meningococcal Information and Waiver Form provided by their institution. These requirements apply to newly-enrolled full-time residential students, regardless of grade and year of study.

¹⁰**At residential schools with lower grades:** The requirements apply to residential students in grades pre-K through 8 only if the school combines these grades in the same school with students in grades 9-12.

Phase-In Schedule for MMR, Varicella, and Tdap Vaccines 2015 - 2017

	2015	2016	2017
2 MMR and 2 Varicella	K-4 and 7-11 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science	K-5 and 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science	K-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science
Tdap	Grades 7-11 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science	Grades 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science	Grades 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science