

Phase-in Schedule Complete!

The phase-in schedule is completed for college immunization regulations that became effective in 2011. The regulations now require the following immunizations for all full-time undergraduate and graduate students, and full- and part-time health science students.

- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine or serologic proof of immunity
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine or serologic proof of immunity
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine
- 2 doses of varicella vaccine, serologic proof of immunity or history of chickenpox disease

Meningococcal Disease and Vaccination Requirements

A. Guidance for Postsecondary Institutions that Provide or License Housing

- **Full-time residential students.** Newly enrolled full-time **residential** students must receive the document titled *Information about Meningococcal Disease and Vaccination and Waiver for Students at Residential Schools and Colleges* **and** comply with the meningococcal vaccination **requirements** or have a medical or religious exemption or sign the waiver. Please note: meningococcal B vaccine does not fulfill the requirement for meningococcal vaccine.
- **Part-time residential students.** Newly enrolled part-time residential students must receive the document titled *Meningococcal Disease and College Students* (105 CMR 221.300).
- **Non-residential students.** Newly enrolled full- and part-time **non-residential** students must receive the document titled *Meningococcal Disease and College Students* (105 CMR 221.300).

B. Guidance for Postsecondary Institutions that Do Not Provide or License Housing

- Institutions that do not provide or license housing are required to disseminate information regarding the risk of meningococcal disease and the availability, effectiveness and risks of meningococcal vaccine. Information approved or provided by MDPH must be provided to a parent/legal guardian or to a student 18 years of age or older. The document titled *Meningococcal Disease and College Students* must be used for all newly enrolled full- and part-time students attending postsecondary institutions that do not provide or license housing (105 CMR 221.300).

Meningococcal Disease and Vaccination Recommendations

While not required, MDPH strongly recommends that anyone up to 21 years of age who is entering college receive a second dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine if their first dose was received before their 16th birthday, particularly if they are new residential students. College students who do not live in campus-related housing and want to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease may also choose to be vaccinated with quadrivalent vaccine, though it is not required. Adolescents and young adults (16 through 23 years of age) **may** also be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine, preferably at 16 through 18 years of age, to provide short term protection for most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease.