

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Immunization Program

**R E M I N D E R ! ! !**

New school immunization regulations became effective in 2011. The regulations now require the following immunizations for **all** students entering **seventh through twelfth grade**:

- 2 doses of MMR vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (or 2 doses if adolescent has received the Recombivax HB<sup>®</sup> 2-dose adolescent schedule option)
- 2 doses of varicella vaccine
- 1 dose of Tdap (if it has been  $\geq 5$  years since the last dose of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td was given)

*Students include those attending educational programs offered **on site or off site** within the state and **all foreign students and students visiting from other states.***

The following immunizations are **recommended** for students entering **seventh grade**:

- While meningococcal vaccine (quadrivalent MenACWY vaccine) is **required** only for all newly enrolled full-time students attending a secondary school with grades 9-12 (in the case of ungraded classrooms, those with students 13 years or older) who will be **living** in a dormitory or comparable congregate living arrangement licensed or approved by the secondary school, it is **recommended** for all 11-12 year olds.
  - According to new national recommendations, students 16-18 years of age should also receive a booster dose or their first dose if they have not yet been vaccinated.
  - The meningococcal requirement is for quadrivalent MenACWY vaccine. Vaccination with MenB vaccine does not meet the requirement for residential students.
- While not required, HPV vaccine is routinely recommended for females **and** males at 11-12 years of age.
- While not required, annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all school-aged children.

Use the Certificate of Immunization, provided by MDPH to make it easier to keep track of your students' immunizations.

The checklist below will assist you in completing the survey properly and quickly:

**Did You Remember To:**

- **Record** all children entering seventh grade on your worksheet?
- **Complete** and **Submit** the online *Grade 7 Immunization Survey*?
- **Print** a copy of the survey for future use?
- **Keep** the worksheet to help facilitate with follow-up of under-immunized children?