

**Family, Small Group, Large Group and School Age Child Care Licensing**

**POLICY STATEMENT: Immunization Requirements for Educators**

Child Care Licensing Standards *606 CMR 7.09(11)(b)* Health Requirements for Educatorsrequires that *“Prior to licensure or employment of any educator the licensee must obtain from a licensed health care practitioner evidence that the educator has been immunized in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Public Health.”*

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) publishes a list of required adult immunizations as well as a list of recommended adult immunizations for certain occupational groups including “staff of licensed group and family day cares and programs for school age children”.[[1]](#footnote-1) This occupational group is referred to in the Department of Early Education and Care’s licensing standards as “educators”. EEC has determined that educators must have evidence of immunizations based on the DPH list of required immunizations.

1. Adult Immunizations Massachusetts Recommendation and Requirements, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/cdc/immunization/guidelines\_adult.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)