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**Immunization Requirements for Students Entering Newton Public Schools**

All students enrolling in the Newton Public Schools must meet minimum immunization requirements as defined by Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 76, section 15). Parents/guardians must submit written documentation of vaccine administration. Dates should include month, day and year.

**Students who are not in compliance with immunization regulations will be excluded from school.**

Exemptions to these regulations are:

- A **medical exemption** is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated.
- A **religious exemption** is allowed if a parent or guardian submits a signed statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs. This statement needs to be submitted once.
- The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 which states that if a homeless student does not have proper documentation of immunization or any medical records, they cannot be denied entry.

**Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements**

	Child Care/Preschool	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	
<b>DTaP/DTP/DT/Td</b>	≥4 doses DTaP/DTP	5 doses DTaP/DTP <sup>1</sup>	≥4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥3 doses Td	4 doses DTaP/DTP or ≥3 doses Td: plus 1Tdap booster <sup>4</sup> (see phase-in schedule)	
<b>Polio</b>	≥3 doses	4 doses <sup>2</sup>	≥ 3 doses	≥ 3 doses	
<b>Hib<sup>3</sup></b>	1 to 4 doses	NA	NA	NA	
<b>MMR</b>	1 dose	2 doses	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>2 doses measles 1 dose mumps 1 dose rubella</td> </tr> </table> or 2 MMR <sup>4</sup> (see phase-in schedule)	2 doses measles 1 dose mumps 1 dose rubella	2 doses <sup>4</sup> (see phase-in schedule)
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<b>Varicella<sup>5</sup></b>	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses <sup>4</sup> (see phase-in schedule)	2 doses <sup>4</sup> (see phase-in schedule)	

**Phase-In Schedule for MMR, Varicella and Tdap Vaccines 2011-2017**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>2 MMR</b>	K and Gr. 7	Gr. K-1 and Gr. 7-8	Gr. K-2 and Gr. 7-9	Gr. K-3 and Gr. 7-10	Gr. K-4 and Gr. 7-11	Gr. K-5 and Gr. 7-12	Gr. K-12
<b>2 Varicella</b>	K and Gr. 7	Gr. K-1 and Gr. 7-8	Gr. K-2 and Gr. 7-9	Gr. K-3 and Gr. 7-10	Gr. K-4 and Gr. 7-11	Gr. K-5 and Gr. 7-12	Gr. K-12
<b>Tdap</b>	Gr. 7	Gr. 7-8	Gr. 7-9	Gr. 7-10	Gr. 7-11	Gr. 7-12	Gr. 7-12

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> </ol> | <p>Five doses unless 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, then only 4 doses</p> <p>Four doses unless 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, then only 3 doses</p> <p>The number of primary doses is determined by vaccine product and age the series begins</p> <p>Two doses applies to select grades. See phase-in schedule for specifics each year.</p> <p>Vaccination not needed with physician certified documentation of chicken pox disease or laboratory proof of immunity</p> |
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