

Dear Healthcare Provider,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law 105 CMR 220.600 requires all **full time** students (12 or more credits) to provide records of immunizations. The following immunizations are required for full-time students. **Health Science students require specific immunizations, in order to meet state and clinical agency requirements.** Please document the student's immunizations on the attached form. Thank you very much for your assistance.

The immunizations required are as follows:

1. **Hep B:** Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. The pediatric two dose Hep B series is acceptable upon proper and clear documentation of the type of dose, and dates given. See document entitled **"Acknowledgment of Risk of Acquiring Hepatitis B without Proof of Immunity"**.
2. **MMR:** Two doses of live measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. These doses must be given at least four weeks apart beginning at or after twelve months of age. Birth before 1957 in U.S. is acceptable for college students, **except health science students.**

Proof of Immunity Satisfies Requirement:

In the case of Hepatitis B and Measles, Mumps and Rubella, the student presents laboratory evidence of immunity.

3. **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses of live varicella vaccine. These two doses must be given at least four weeks apart beginning at or after twelve months of age, or the student provides laboratory evidence of immunity to chickenpox, or a statement signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or designee that the student has a reliable history of chickenpox disease. Birth before 1980 in U.S. is acceptable for general college students, **except health science students.**

Only two doses of live varicella vaccines or laboratory evidence (titre) of immunity is acceptable for health science students.

4. **Tdap:** **Health Science Students** participation in many clinical experiences will necessitate a Tdap vaccine. Massachusetts state regulations require a single dose of Tdap if it has been more than five years since the last dose of Tetanus (Td). If it has been less than five years since the last dose of Tetanus, Tdap is strongly recommended.
5. **PPd:** **Health Science students** require an annual negative PPd. Occasionally, a two-step PPd may be required to meet clinical agency requirements.
6. **Flu vaccine:** **Health Science students** may require a seasonal flu vaccine to meet clinical agency requirements.

These immunizations are required by Massachusetts State Law. Failure to provide this documentation will prevent the student from registering for classes, receiving grades and/or transcripts.

This documentation can be faxed to 508-375-4039 to the Attention of Student Immunization Records, mailed to Student Immunization Records, Registration Office, 2240 Iyannough Road, W. Barnstable, MA 02668, or delivered to the Student Immunization Records office Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00pm.

Please be certain that the student's name and date of birth is clearly marked on the record.

If you have any questions, contact the **Student Immunization Records Office at 508-362-2131 x4331**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucina Holmes

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Registrar