

Immunization Requirements for College Students*

Under the Massachusetts General Law, 105 CMR 220.600, in order to be registered at an institution of higher learning, every (1) full-time (12 credits or more) undergraduate or graduate student and (2) every full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student in a health science program who is in contact with patients, must present a physician's certificate that such student has received the following immunizations:

1. The Hepatitis B vaccine series (3 doses over 6 months).
2. Two doses of live Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine(s) (one month apart); birth before 1957 in U.S. is acceptable for college students, **except health science students**.
3. Two doses of live Varicella vaccine (one month apart); birth before 1980 in U.S. is acceptable for college students, **except health science students**.
4. Tdap – a single dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) will be required if it has been more than five years since the last dose of Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria);

These requirements of the Massachusetts General Law 105 CMR 220.600, shall not apply where:

1. the student provides written documentation that he or she meets the standards for medical or religious exemption set forth in M.G.L.c.76, §15C;
2. the student provides appropriate documentation, including a copy of a school immunization record, indicating receipt of the required immunizations; or
3. in the case of measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B, the student presents laboratory evidence of immunity.

Students may be registered on the condition that the required immunizations be obtained within 30 days of registration.

Failure to provide the required immunization records may prevent you from receiving your grades, registering for classes, adding or dropping a class, or receiving your transcripts.

Note:

1. **The student health insurance plan covers immunizations. Check your policy for details.**
2. A blood test (called a titre) can be used as proof of immunity to some of the required immunizations. **Most insurances do not cover the cost of these lab tests.**

* All students matriculated into health programs (Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Technology, Medical Assisting, Medical Interpreter, Nursing, Tri-level Nurse Aide) have specific health and immunization requirements and may have additional requirements related to clinical placements. See also:

<http://www.capecod.edu/web/registrar/immunization>