

North Brookfield Public Schools Health Office Requirements

Dear Parent/Guardian:

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the school immunization regulations, *105 CMR 220.000: Immunizations of Students before Admission to School*, were recently amended.

School immunization requirements

The regulations require the following immunizations for entering Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades:

- (5) doses DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis) vaccine (4 doses if 4th dose given after age 4)
- (4) doses Polio vaccine
- (2) doses MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine
- (3) doses Hepatitis B vaccine
- (2) doses Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine
- proof of 1-4 doses Haemophilus Influenza B (HIB) vaccine

****Also needed before entry into Kindergarten:**

- Birth Certificate
- Recent Physical
- Lead Test
- Vision/Hearing test (completed within the current calendar year)

School requirements for grades 7-12 are as follows:

Grade 7: all above immunizations, Menactra (Meningococcal Conjugate) vaccine, Tdap (booster of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis), a recent physical

Grade 11: 2nd dose of Menactra (Meningococcal Conjugate) vaccine

****Please note recommended vaccines not required at this time:**

- Hepatitis A series
- Gardasil (HPV) series
- Flu vaccine

Children who are not in compliance shall be excluded from school until the school receives proper documentation of immunizations. The only exception for exclusion of immunization, or partially immunized children, is the case of homelessness according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Homeless families may refer to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act by contacting: 781-338-6330.

The only exemptions for immunizations permitted in the state of Massachusetts are medical and religious exemptions. For medical exemptions, a physician's statement must be on file and for religious exemptions, a parent statement must be on file.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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