

Wachusett Regional School District

Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling

Wachusett Regional School District Immunization Requirements Entering Kindergarten and Beginning Grade 7

The Massachusetts School Immunization Law, M.G.L. c. 76 Section 15 provides that: "no child shall, except as hereinafter provided, be admitted to school except upon presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health."

Incoming Kindergarten Students

A current physical and immunization record must be provided to the school's health office on or before the date of Kindergarten Orientation at prospective schools in the district

Students entering 7th Grade

A current physical and updated immunization record must be provided to the school's health office before the start of the school year.

No unimmunized student shall be admitted to, or be allowed to remain in school, unless they can satisfy the following requirements:

- 1. A medical exemption is allowed if a healthcare provider submits documentation to school hat an immunization is medically contraindicated; or
- 2. A religious exemption is allowed if a parent submits a signed statement to the school stating immunizations are contrary to his/her sincere religious beliefs
- 3. Student who fall under McKenney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001.

Note: Unimmunized students who are exempt from the immunization law may be subject to exclusion from school if there is exposure to certain communicable diseases, as specified in 105 CMR 300.200, the Isolation and Quarantine Requirements.

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