



Proposed Amendments to
105 CMR 220.000:
IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS BEFORE
ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

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Background

- Prior to 1995, immunization schedules were updated every few years as needed.
- Since 1995 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has endorsed and released an annual childhood immunization schedule.
- An annual update to the schedule was important because of changes that providers needed to know (detailed information about who should receive each vaccine, age(s) of receipt, number of doses, time between doses, or use of combination vaccines)
- New vaccines are also added.

Reasons to Amend

- 105 CMR 220.000 specifies minimum requirements for immunization before admission to school.
- This regulation was promulgated prior to 1978, and updated in 2010.
- The proposed amendments reflect the ongoing modifications made to the annual childhood immunization schedule.
- The proposed amendments present a standard framework for admission to school for elementary school, middle school, high school and post-secondary institutions, while allowing for immunization schedules and Department immunization guidelines to be updated as needed without yearly regulatory revisions.

Proposed Amendments

- 220.100: Purpose and 220.200: Authority

Removal of these sections to conform to formatting policy from the Office of the Secretary of State.

- 220.400: Definitions:

Removal of the definition of student.

Addition of the following definitions:

- Department
- Elementary School
- High School
- Middle School
- Postsecondary Institution
- Secondary School

school definitions were added and student definition removed as vaccine schedules are contingent upon the grade/school being entered

- 220.500: Immunization Requirements for Preschool, Elementary, and Secondary School Students (C)

Updating language concerning when adherence to Department immunization schedules does not apply.

Proposed Amendments cont.

- 220.600: Immunization Requirements for Postsecondary Students (A) (C)
Removal of language with specific reference to vaccines, dosages and dates ; inclusion of a reference to the Department's required immunization schedules.
- 220.600: Immunization Requirements for Postsecondary Students (D)
Updating language concerning when adherence to Department immunization schedules does not apply.
- 220.700: Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement for Students at Secondary and Postsecondary Schools that which Provide or License Housing (A)
Removal of language with specific reference to vaccines, dosages and dates. Removal of definitions of secondary and post-secondary schools.
- 220.700: Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement for Students at Secondary and Postsecondary Schools that which Provide or License Housing (C) (D)
Text updates.

Recommendation/Next Steps

- Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences has conducted a comprehensive review of 105 CMR 220.000: Immunization Of Students Before Admission To School and recommends these proposed amendments.
- Following this presentation to the Public Health Council, a public hearing and comment period will be held.
- A summary of public comments and any changes to the proposed amendments will be presented at a subsequent meeting of the Public Health Council.