

QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warren-West Brookfield, Massachusetts

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Prior to enrollment, students entering the Quaboag Regional District's schools, will be required to present a physician's certification attesting to immunization against communicable diseases as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Students must also keep immunizations current while enrolled in school. Any student whose immunization status is not up-to-date will be excluded from school until the required vaccinations have been given. A copy of physician-signed documentation of immunizations will be kept by the school nurse in the student's school health record,

The only exception to these requirements will be made upon receipt of a written statement from the primary care physician that the immunization is not in the best interest of the child, regarding a specific health problem. This statement of medical exemption must be renewed each school year by the physician and the parent. Medical exemption to immunizations shall not include allergy to a particular vaccine or part of the vaccine. In this circumstance, a signed physician's statement noting the allergy to the vaccine and the date certified by the physician shall be considered in effect for the entire school attendance of the student.

The student (if over fourteen years of age) or the parent may submit a written statement of religious exemption, noting that the administration of vaccines is contrary to the religious beliefs of the parent or the student. This statement does not need renewal and will be considered in effect for the entire period of time during which the student is enrolled in the regional district's schools.

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