



New! Influenza Vaccine Requirement for School Attendance

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, influenza vaccine will be **required for all students**. During the COVID-19 pandemic, influenza vaccine will be especially critical to reduce the overall impact of respiratory illness on the population, protect vulnerable populations from severe illness, and decrease the overall burden on the healthcare system.

Which students need to receive influenza vaccine?

Students in Pre K through Grade 12 will be required to receive influenza vaccine for the current influenza season for school attendance.

When do students need to receive influenza vaccine?

Students must receive influenza vaccine for the current season by December 31, 2020.

Should students without a documented dose of seasonal influenza vaccine be excluded from school on January 1st?

Students who do not have the flu vaccine by January 1, 2021 will be excluded from school.

What about students who enroll after December 31?

Newly enrolling students between January 1 and March 31 must have a documented dose of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season (along with all other required vaccinations) when they start school.

Will influenza vaccine be required every year or just for the 2020-2021 school year?

Influenza vaccine is now a required vaccine for school attendance and will be required as of December 31 for all students in Pre K through Grade 12 each school year.

If my school will be providing instruction remotely, will students still need to meet immunization requirements? The school immunization requirements, including the requirement for seasonal influenza vaccine, apply to all Massachusetts students enrolled in Pre K through Grade 12, regardless of whether the district is providing instruction in-person, or using a hybrid or remote learning model.