



Immunization Policy

According to Massachusetts law (105 CMR 220.00), all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled more than half-time are required to provide documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria and hepatitis B. Students who do not meet the requirements will not be allowed to attend classes.

Requirements

- At least one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine(s) given at or after 12 months of age
- Two doses of live measles vaccine given at least one month apart beginning at or after 12 months of age
- A booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria within the last ten years
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Laboratory evidence of immunity for measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B is also acceptable.

Additional Requirements for Students Living in Dormitory Housing

- Two doses of chicken pox/varicella vaccine or healthcare provider diagnosed illness date
- Meningococcal vaccine administered within the last five years or submit the official waiver form stating you understand the risks and choose not to receive the vaccine
- PPD skin test for tuberculosis
- Laboratory evidence of immunity for chicken pox/varicella is also acceptable.

Exemptions

- A medical exemption is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated
- A religious exemption is allowed if a student or parent/guardian, in cases when the student is under 18, submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.
- Philosophical exemptions are not allowed by law in the state of Massachusetts.

Procedures

- Students must fulfill all immunization requirements within 30 days of matriculation.
- Students who do not comply with the requirements within 30 days will be fined \$75. In addition, a hold will be placed on the student's account and no transcripts will be released. Students will not be allowed to register for their second semester classes until the immunization requirements are met.