

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Immunization Program

Updated Meningococcal Disease and Vaccination  
Requirements for College Students  
Beginning Fall of 2018



**All newly enrolled full-time students 21 years of age and younger will be required to show documentation of a dose of MenACWY vaccine administered on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, regardless of housing status.**

- All full-time students 21 years of age and younger must receive the Information and Waiver Form for Students, which will be revised to reflect the updated requirements for 2018, **AND have one of the following:**
  - documentation of a dose of MenACWY vaccine received on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR**
  - a medical or religious exemption for meningococcal vaccine **OR**
  - a signed meningococcal vaccine waiver.
- Meningococcal B vaccine does not fulfill the requirement for meningococcal vaccine.
- All supporting documents for meningococcal vaccine and information requirements for college students can found on our website:  
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/id/epidemiology/providers/public-health-cdc-meningitis-info.html>.

**Summary of Current and Future Meningococcal Requirements for College Students**

<b>Current Requirements (in effect for the 2017-18 school year)</b>	<b>Future Requirements (in effect for the 2018-19 school year)</b>
One dose MenACWY for all newly enrolled full-time residential students	One dose of MenACWY for newly enrolled full-time students 21 years of age or younger (<22 years of age) received on or after the 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday, regardless of housing status.