2026-2027 Massachusetts School Immunization Survey Access

Massachusetts Department of Public Health DPH

The annual Massachusetts Department of Public Health **Child Care/Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 7, Grade 12, and College Immunization Surveys have been completed for the 2025-2026 school year.** The data have been reviewed and are posted on https://www.mass.gov/info-details/school-immunizations.

Survey Objectives

The 2026-2027 School Immunization Survey opens September 14, 2026 and closes on January 22, 2027.

1. **Ensure** compliance with school immunization requirements.
2. **Provide** vaccine coverage data for local stakeholders at individual school level.
3. **Assess** trends in vaccine coverage over time at varying levels of granularity.
4. **Inform** public health policy and programming.
5. **Build** open lines of communication between MDPH and school communities.

School Requirements

Requirements apply to all students from public and private schools, including individuals from other countries attending or visiting classes or educational programs as part of an academic visitation or exchange program. Requirements apply to all students in every grade, even if they are over 18 years of age.

Immunization requirements are authorized under **105 CMR 220.00** and enforcement of school immunization requirements is discharged at the local level.

Additional information on the school immunization requirements may be found online at *mass.gov*.

Immunization Records & Exemptions

- Immunization records should be collected each year a student is enrolled – **NOT** just in the grades that the student's compliance is surveyed.
- Medical exemptions **MUST** be renewed annually – statement from a provider that vaccine is contraindicated.
- Religious exemptions **SHOULD** be renewed annually – statement from a student or guardian that the vaccine conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Survey Access

Kindergarten, Grade 7, and Grade 12 surveys are completed in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) - If you have a childcare/ preschool in your school, the MIIS will also show a link to access that survey.

Don't have access to the MIIS? If you know your Access Administrator (AA), they may add you as an MIIS user.

No AA or you don't know who they are? You may contact the MIIS Help Desk at *MIISHelpDesk@mass.gov* for assistance in determining who your AA is or to add a new one.

Unable to login/password or username issues? Contact the Virtual Gateway Helpdesk at *1-(800) 421-0938*.

For all other survey related issues, you may contact the Imm. Assessment Unit at *ImmAssessmentUnit@mass.gov*.

Exclusion from School

Unimmunized and under-immunized students who do not have medical or religious exemptions may be excluded from school except for those under the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).**

Exposure to or outbreak of vaccine preventable disease may result in mandatory exclusion from school according to MDPH's exclusion criteria and guidelines document:

MIIS Quick Guides

Mini-guides on utilizing the MIIS, accessing the survey, and adding users may be found on the MIIS Resource Center.

Resources for completing the survey and guidelines may be found online at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/school-immunizations.