



Immunization Information

What is evidence of immunization?

From 105 CMR 220.400 (Definitions)

Certificate of Immunization means either:

(a) a form or letter signed and dated by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or designee which specifies the month and year of administration and the type/name of the vaccine(s) administered to the student; or

(b) a dated report from the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) which specifies the month and year of administration and the type/name of the vaccine(s) administered to the student.

How can I register for MIIS?

If your district is already registered, reach out to your district's Access Administrator to be listed as a designated user.

If you are a new school, visit the MIIS Resource Center <https://www.contactmiis.info/crcSchools.asp>

If you need further assistance with registration, call or email the MIIS Helpdesk.
617-983-4335 or miishelpdesk@state.ma.us

Note that registrations can take 3-4 weeks to process

What does MIIS do?

The goal of the MIIS is to give health care providers and families a tool to help ensure that all individuals are immunized based on the latest Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. The MIIS provides a complete, accurate, secure, real-time immunization record for residents of Massachusetts of all ages. Note that the completeness and accuracy of MIIS immunization records are dependent upon the information received from provider offices.

An immunization registry provides numerous benefits to all those involved in the health care of children and adults, contributing to a higher immunization rate and a healthier population.

- Providers have access to more complete immunization records of their patients and receive clinical decision support in accordance with an increasingly complex vaccination schedule.
- Individuals, parents and caregivers get reminders when an immunization has been missed. Up-to-date information on a person's vaccination history helps to prevent over-immunization.
- Schools will be able to save time in complying with immunization requirements.
- Public health systems will use the information to help monitor and control vaccine preventable diseases.



Additional Resources

These are also available on [SHIELD Resources](#).

- 105 CMR 220.00: Immunization of students before admission to school
<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-22000-immunization-of-students-before-admission-to-school>
- CDC Immunization Schedules
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/index.html>
- CDC Pink Book (can assist with vaccine names and interpreting foreign vaccine records, see Appendix B)
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html>
- Immunization Action Coalition
<https://www.immunize.org/>
- Immunization Exemptions and Vaccine Preventable Disease Exclusion in School Settings
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/09/14/guidelines-vaccine-exclusions-school.doc>
- MDPH Epidemiologist on call
617-983-6800
- MIIS
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-immunization-information-system-miis>
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia: Vaccine Education Center
<https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>
- School Immunization Information for School Nurses – including link to word doc for annual immunization requirements for school entry
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/school-immunization-information-for-school-nurses>
- School Immunization Survey, MIIS Mini-Guide
https://www.contactmiis.info/FileSystem/Draft/School%20Immunization%20Survey_Mini%20Guide_2018.pdf