

Nurses' Nook - Important Immunization Information...

All children in MA public schools must be immunized as provided in MA law as in [this link](#). Medical contraindications to vaccination are very rare and usually temporary. If a child in school has a medical exemption to vaccination that **must be updated** by the child's health care provider at the beginning of **every school year**.

MA law does not allow for philosophical exemptions to vaccination. The only other exemption to childhood vaccination in MA public schools is if vaccination is against the parent(s)' sincerely held religious beliefs. A letter stating such violation of the parent(s) religious beliefs must be present in the child's medical file. Starting in school year 2018-2019 the parent **must update** this letter **at the beginning of each school year**.

Although MA law does provide for rare exemptions to vaccination, those children who are not properly vaccinated, for whatever reason (medical or religious), are required by law to be excluded from school attendance should there be an outbreak of any disease for which they are not properly immunized.

If you have any questions about immunization or other health issues please call the nurse in your child's school.