

## Swampscott Public Schools New Student Health Requirements

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to Swampscott Public Schools. Part of the admission process includes providing updated health/medical information. This will include the following:

1. Proof of **Required immunizations** is MANDATORY before entry to any school.
2. Copy of recent (current year) physical exam is MANDATORY for new students within 30 days of entry.

### Required Immunizations

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that all children be properly immunized against varicella (chicken pox), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and hepatitis B before entrance into school. Exemptions from immunizations are allowed under Commonwealth of Massachusetts Law for either religious or medical reasons, both of which require documentation. Unimmunized/susceptible individuals will be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of any vaccine preventable disease.

### Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements 2014-15\*

	Preschool	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
<b>DTaP/DPT/DT/Td/ Tdap</b>	≥ 4 doses DTaP/DPT	5 doses DTaP/DPT	≥ 4 doses DTaP/DPT or ≥ 3 doses Td	4 doses DTaP/DPT, or ≥ 3 doses Td <b>plus 1 dose Tdap required gr.7-10</b>
<b>Polio</b>	≥ 3 doses	4 doses	≥ 3 doses	≥ 3 doses
<b>Hib</b>	1 to 4 doses	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>MMR</b>	1 dose	2 doses	Grade 1-3: 2 doses Grade 4-6: 2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella	<b>Grade 7-10: 2 doses</b> Grade 11-12 2 doses measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella
<b>Varicella</b>	1 dose	2 doses	<b>Grade 1-3: 2 doses</b> Grade 4-6: 1 dose Grade 4-6 1 dose	Grade 7-10: 2 doses Grade 11-12: 1 dose

*\*New requirements highlighted*

**Special Health Concerns:** Please contact your child's school nurse if your child has any health/medical issues which might impact them at school. Example: asthma, allergies, seizures, concussions.

**Medications:** All medication to be dispensed to the student during the school day requires a doctor's order and written parent/guardian permission, including over-the-counter medications. Prescription medications must be sent to school in the current prescription container and over-the-counter medications must be labeled with the child's name and be sent in the original container.

Students are not allowed to carry medications in school, with the exception of students who have been cleared by the school nurse to carry their inhaler or Epi-pen.

For further information please contact:

Mary Beth O'Malley RN, NCSN  
School Nurse Leader  
[omalley@swampscott.k12.ma.us](mailto:omalley@swampscott.k12.ma.us)