







Department of Public Health Regulations for School Health

School Health

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- [105 CMR 200.000: Physical Examination of School Children](#)  
- [105 CMR 210.000: The Administration of Prescription Medications in Public and Private School \(PDF\)](#)  
- [105 CMR 220.000: Immunization of Students before Admission to School \(PDF\)](#)  

Head Injuries and Concussions

- [Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries](#)

HIPAA Information

- [School Health HIPAA Information](#)

Immunization and Vaccination

- [School Immunization and Vaccination Requirements](#)





Isolation and Quarantine

- [New Isolation and Quarantine Regulations for Varicella as of 4/9/2003 \(PDF\)](#)  

Orders in School Setting

- [Comfort Care Program Update Memo \(RTF\)](#) 
- [Children with](#)  

Wellness and Nutrition

- [105 CMR 215: Standards for School Wellness Advisory Committees \(PDF\)](#)  
- [105 CMR 225.000: Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages in Public Schools \(PDF\)](#)  
- A 2012 amendment to the 2010 Act Relative to School Nutrition changed how the school nutrition standards are applied in certain circumstances. To view both the original Act and the amendment to the Act, see www.malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2010/Chapter197 and www.malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2012/Chapter96

School Health Services

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School Health Services is comprised of both regional and central office professional staff who collaborate with other Department of Public Health programs and the Massachusetts Department of Education to provide ongoing school health service systems development and technical assistance to the Commonwealth's 351 public school districts and approximately 600 nonpublic schools. This represents approximately 880,000 public school students and 120,000 nonpublic school students.

Consistent with 1998 legislative report, Options for Developing School Health Services in Massachusetts, the recommended school nurse to student ratio is 1.0 fulltime equivalent (FTE) certified nurse in each building with 250 to 500 students. In buildings with more than 500 students, there should be 0.1 FTE for each additional 50 students. For buildings with fewer than 250 students, the ratio is calculated at 0.1 FTE: 25 students.

What's New

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This program is a part of the [Division of Health Access](#).

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

- [Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths \(CANS\)](#)
- [Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program](#)
- [Children's Behavioral Health Initiative](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities Services for Children](#)

Occupational Disease and Injury Mandated Reporting

Reporting of occupational injuries and diseases as required by 105 CMR300.180: OHSP collects and analyzes data on occupational injuries and diseases. Below is a list of conditions which health care providers are required to report to OHSP, pursuant to 105 CMR 300.180.

The brochure "Reporting Occupational Diseases and Injuries: The physicians responsibility under state public health law" provides a summary of the regulation.

Reports may be made via telephone or by faxing or mailing the Occupational Illness and Injury Reporting Guidelines and Confidential Reporting Form below.

Conditions

- Occupational lung diseases
 - Asthma
 - Asbestosis
 - Silicosis
 - Chemical pneumonitis
 - Beryllium disease
- Serious work-related injuries to persons less than 18 years of age
A serious work-related traumatic injury is defined as an injury which results in death or hospitalization, or, in the judgment of the treating physician, results in, or will result in:

- Significant scarring or disfigurement; OR
- Permanent disability; OR
- Protracted loss of consciousness; OR
- Loss of a body part or bodily function; OR
- Is less significant but similar to injuries sustained by other patients at the same place of employment.
- Work-related acute chemical poisoning
 - Carbon monoxide poisoning
 - Pesticide poisoning
 - Other acute poisoning
- Work-related heavy metal absorption
 - Cadmium
 - Mercury
 - Lead (reported to the Occupational Lead Registry)
 - Other heavy metals
- Work-related carpal tunnel syndrome
- Work-related disease outbreaks