

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Inoculation of Students Policy

- Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revisions to the Inoculation of Students Policy that are detailed in the attached redline document. These revisions seek to bring the policy into line with current Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations.
- Description: This is a first reading of revisions to the Inoculation of Students Policy.
- Supporting Data: Inoculation of Students Policy.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Superintendent of Schools

## INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS

Students entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school system, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, **influenza** and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child; or, the student's parent/guardian/caregiver stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent/guardian/caregiver.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L.c. 76, §15

*Adopted: September 15, 2020*