

MEMORANDUM

City of Philadelphia

Date: 3-29-96

To: Joseph Dwortzky, City Solicitor
From: Jeanne Reedy, Executive Assistant, Records Dept.
Subject: Amendment to Regulations of the Health Code

The above Amendment, promulgated by the Health Department was received in the Department of Records On 2-27-96, for filing and advertising.

Inasmuch as there were no requests for hearings, this Amendment became effective midnight 3-28-96.

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

APPROVED:	
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*REGULATIONS FOR TWO DOSES OF
MEASLES-CONTAINING VACCINE FOR SCHOOL ENTRY*

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended immunization schedule calls for 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, with the first dose given on or after the first birthday and the second dose given at least one month after the first;

WHEREAS, at least 5% of persons who receive only one dose of measles-containing vaccine remain susceptible to the disease;

WHEREAS, measles can result in significant complications, including death, and

WHEREAS, susceptible persons are subject not only to the effects of the disease and its complications but may be responsible for the transmission of the disease to other susceptible persons in the community, therefore;

PURSUANT to Section 6-210 of the Health Code of Philadelphia the following regulation is promulgated by the Board of Health:

1. As of 9/1/96,
 - a. every child entering school shall have received two doses of a live measles-containing vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live measles vaccine, such as the preferred measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, prior to school entrance for the first time into Kindergarten, Grade 1, or a comparable age entry level special education program with an unassigned grade. The first dose shall have been administered on or after the child's first birthday, and the second dose shall have been administered no less than one month after the first dose;
 - b. children entering in school (Kindergarten or Grade 1) for the first time after September 1, 1996, with no documented doses of measles vaccine, shall receive the first dose of measles-containing vaccine in order to be allowed into school. These children shall receive the second dose of measles or another measles-containing combination vaccine, no sooner than one month and no later than two months after receiving the first dose in order to remain in school;

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- c. children who present documented laboratory evidence of measles immunity shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;
- d. children whose parents/guardians/primary caretakers express in writing a philosophical or religious objection to immunizations shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;
- e. children with a documented medical contraindication to measles vaccine shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;

However, in the event of a confirmed measles case occurring in a specific school, all children in 1.d. and 1.e. above will be excluded from that school until it is deemed safe by the Director, Division of Disease Control for them to return to school.

2. As of 9/1/96,

- a. every person enrolling for the first time into an institution of higher learning in Philadelphia shall have received two doses of a live measles-containing vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live measles vaccine, such as the preferred measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, prior to entrance into that institution. The first dose should have been administered on or after the first birthday and the second dose shall have been administered no less than one month after the first dose;
- b. persons enrolling for the first time into institutions of higher learning in Philadelphia with no documented doses of measles-containing vaccine shall receive the first dose of measles-containing vaccine in order to be allowed into these institutions. They shall receive a second dose of measles or another measles-containing combination vaccine, no sooner than one month and no later than two months after receiving the first dose in order to remain in school;
- c. persons who present documented laboratory evidence of measles immunity shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;
- d. persons born *before 1957* enrolling for the first time into institutions of higher learning in Philadelphia shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;
- e. persons enrolling for the first time into institutions of higher learning in Philadelphia whose parents/guardians (or if 21 years of age or older who themselves) express in writing a philosophical or religious objection to immunizations shall not be required to receive measles vaccine;

- f. persons with a documented medical contraindication to measles vaccine who are entering for the first time into institutions of higher learning in Philadelphia shall not be required to receive measles vaccine.

However, in the event of a confirmed measles cases occurring in an institution of higher learning in Philadelphia, all students in 2.e. and 2.f. above will be excluded from that institution until it is deemed safe by the Director, Division of Disease Control for them to return to school.

Now, therefore, the Board of Health, pursuant to its authority under Sections 6-201 and 202 of the Health Code of Philadelphia, thereby amends the Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions so as to require two-doses of measles-containing vaccine for elementary school, junior college and college entry as of September 1, 1996.

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