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The School Health Unit ensures student immunization compliance when students register for school. The only exceptions are medical and religious exemptions to immunization, and students admitted to school under the McKinney Vento Act. (see attached document)

Currently, there are 9 students with medical exemptions and 48 students with religious exemptions to MMR (measles, mumps rubella) in the Lowell Public Schools. In the event of a confirmed case of measles, unimmunized students would be excluded from school for a period of 21 days after exposure.

Religious exemption defined in MGL ch 76 sec 15 is as follows; *In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the department of public health, no child whose parent or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school.*

Attached please find the Parent Guide to School Health which includes immunization requirements and student illness guidelines.