

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 63, SUDBURY**

Health Form FAQ

- **Only parts A and B of the health form are required for registration.**
- Part C of the form, which requires the signature of a licensed health-care provider, will be required by the end of May for those planning to attend Summer Camp.
- Please do not use an outdated version of the health form. The BSA health form is available at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>
- Read the Informed Consent and Release Agreement sections on Part A carefully before marking the appropriate check boxes.
- When submitting the form for a Scout, only one parent or guardian with legal custody is required to sign and date Part A on the parent/guardian signature line.
- When submitting the form for an adult, the adult must sign and date Part A on the participant's signature line.
- For the section on Part A titled "Adults Authorized to Take to and From Events," both parents/guardians should usually be listed, unless your circumstances require otherwise. Also include anyone else who might be dropping off or picking up your son. Space is also provided to indicate adult(s) who should not be authorized.
- Health History on Part B must not be blank; the check boxes must be filled in.
- Be sure to list any allergies in the appropriate spaces provided on Part B, or fill in the four check boxes for "No". This four-part section must not be blank.
- If medications are indicated on Part B, a parent/guardian must sign this section, and a physician must also sign if Scout will be attending Summer Camp.
- Immunization records must be filled in on the form, as **no attachments** are allowed. Page 2 of this FAQ has information which will assist you with this process.
- All Scouts and troop leaders must submit a new health form parts A and B every year during annual registration.
- All parents who will be participating in a troop outing or other event must submit the health form parts A and B at least one week prior to the outing or event.
- The health form is a fillable PDF form and we encourage you to fill out the form electronically. However, BSA rules prohibit us from accepting the health form electronically, so it must be printed and signed before submitting.
- Remember that a clear copy of your **health insurance card** (both sides) is required along with parts A and B of the form.

Your scout's physician should be able to provide a copy of your son's immunization record. Since **attachments to the BSA health form are prohibited**, immunization information must be transferred directly onto the form.

This process can be confusing; as the terms used to identify the immunizations on the physician supplied record often do not match the terms used on the BSA health form. Below you will find a chart which should assist you with this process.

Be sure to include dates for all immunizations. Leaving this area blank or writing in "up to date" is not acceptable.

Translation of Vaccinations

Tetanus Pertussis Diphtheria	A combination vaccine is usually used for these three. DTaP is given to young children, and Tdap is a booster for older children. DTP is similar. Tetanus booster shots are usually Td or Tdap.
Measles Mumps Rubella	These three are usually covered by MMR. A newer vaccine MMRV also includes Varicella. Depending on age, adults may have received these individually, or acquired immunity by having the disease.
Polio	This can be IPV or the oral version OPV
Chicken Pox	Varicella
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis A is infections hepatitis, from food. Not routinely given in MA
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B is given as a series of shots to baby/toddler
Meningitis	MCV4 vaccine usually given at age 11+
Influenza	This can be given orally or by injection at a school flu clinic or at the doctor's office. This is given every year in a new formulation to protect against the predicted strains of flu.
HiB	Series of shots given to baby/toddler

Required Immunizations

BSA requires Tetanus immunization for youth and adults. Be sure to indicate the date of the most recent Tetanus immunization, which must be **within the last ten years**.

Massachusetts requires many immunizations for youth under age 18. These requirements are too complex to list here in full; however the requirements should be satisfied if your son has the immunizations required for attending school in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts requires adults age 18 and above to indicate immunizations (or immunity) for Measles, Mumps and Rubella; however these specific adult requirements do not apply to adults born before 1957. Massachusetts requires Tetanus immunization for all ages.

An exemption request form is available if you have religious objections to immunizations.