

State Statutory References to the CDC

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Issue

Provide a list of Connecticut statutes that reference the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **This report has been updated by OLR Report [2025-R-0147](#).**

Summary

We identified about 40 Connecticut statutes that directly reference the [CDC](#). We also identified a few other statutes that do not directly reference the CDC but reference the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP), a group within the CDC that advises the CDC director and certain other federal officials on vaccination-related issues. (There are also several statutory references to ACIP which also reference the CDC.)

A list and brief descriptions of these laws are provided in the following table.

Table 1: List of Connecticut Statutory References to the CDC or ACIP

Citation	Topic and Brief Summary of Relevant Provisions
10-204a	School immunizations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Allows the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to issue a temporary waiver to the immunization schedule for any vaccine if the CDC recognizes a nationwide supply shortage for that vaccine

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<u>10-217h</u>	Connecticut School Health Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH to administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to high school students every two years, as long as DPH receives CDC funding for this purpose Requires the survey to be based on the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey Requires DPH to provide guidelines to boards of education on the administration of the survey to those high schools selected at random by the CDC, and in turn, requires these boards to administer the survey to those high schools in accordance with DPH guidelines, including the CDC survey protocol
<u>10-550b</u>	Early Start CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows the Office of Early Childhood commissioner, in determining whether to enter into a contract for financial assistance under this program, to consider the CDC's social vulnerability index determined by census tract (this statute takes effect July 1, 2025)
<u>10a-155</u>	Required immunizations for college students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that higher education institutions must generally require full-time or matriculating students born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of adequate immunization against measles, rubella, mumps, and varicella as recommended by ACIP before allowing the student to enroll
<u>17b-278b</u>	Medicaid coverage for breast and cervical cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires, as a condition for Medicaid coverage of breast or cervical cancer, that a woman was screened under the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and found to be in need of treatment, including for a precancerous condition
<u>18-81pp</u>	Prison inmate vaccinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to ensure that inmates have access to all vaccines licensed or authorized under an emergency use authorization by the federal Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by ACIP
<u>19a-6v</u>	Healthy Brain Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH, within available appropriations, to annually report to the Public Health Committee on its work on the CDC's Healthy Brain Initiative (i.e., the CDC's collaborative approach to fully integrate cognitive health into public health practice and reduce the risk and impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias)
<u>19a-7f</u>	Childhood immunizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH's standard of care for childhood immunizations to be based on the recommended immunization schedules published by (among other groups) ACIP Generally requires health care providers who administer vaccines (including under the federal Vaccines for Children program) to use, and DPH to provide, any vaccine that (among other criteria) is recommended by ACIP and made available to DPH by the CDC (the statute has various related references to the CDC)
<u>19a-7h</u>	Immunization information system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that DPH's immunization information system comply with the CDC's Immunization Information System Functional Standards

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<u>19a-7j</u>	Vaccine purchases and insurer health and welfare assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of calculating the health and welfare assessment fee on health insurers and HMOs, requires the Office of Policy and Management secretary, in consultation with the DPH commissioner, to annually determine the amount appropriated for (among other things) purchasing, storing, and distributing certain vaccines, including those for the childhood immunization program and Hepatitis A and B vaccines as recommended by ACIP
<u>19a-7l</u>	Meningococcal meningitis information to school boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH, in collaboration with the state Department of Education, to periodically update boards of education about meningococcal meningitis, including vaccination information that reflects the current CDC recommendations
<u>19a-7o</u>	HIV testing by primary care providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> References the CDC's definition of AIDS within the state definition of "HIV infection," for purposes of a law generally requiring primary care providers to offer HIV testing to patients age 13 or older
<u>19a-7q</u>	Certificate of medical contraindication for vaccination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that DPH's certificate of medical contraindications for vaccinations (used by health care providers) includes a (1) list of contraindications and precautions recognized by the CDC for each statutorily-required immunization from which the provider may select on behalf of an individual and (2) section where the provider may record a contraindication or precaution not recognized by the CDC, but that in the provider's discretion results in the vaccination being medically contraindicated
<u>19a-26</u>	State laboratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH to ensure that the state public health laboratory in Rocky Hill is constructed and operates in accordance with all applicable biosafety level criteria as prescribed by the CDC's Office of Health and Safety; correspondingly requires the laboratory's construction to facilitate the operation and administration of a laboratory that conforms with these criteria
<u>19a-31a</u>	Microbiological and biomedical biosafety laboratories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of regulating these laboratories, defines a (1) "biolevel-three microbiological and biomedical biosafety laboratory" as a laboratory operated by a higher education institution or other research entity that handles certain agents and is designed and equipped under guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the CDC as a biolevel-three laboratory; and (2) "biolevel-three agent" as an agent classified as such by the NIH and CDC Provides that if an institution operating a biolevel-three laboratory establishes a biosafety committee pursuant to the NIH or CDC guidelines, the committee must (1) forward the minutes of its meetings to DPH and (2) meet at least annually with a DPH representative to review and discuss certain issues Requires these institutions to report to DPH any laboratory-related sanctions imposed by the CDC or other government agencies

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19a-111a and 19a-111b	Lead poisoning prevention program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that DPH's lead screening guidelines (including for children and pregnant individuals) are consistent with the CDC's guidelines Requires the DPH commissioner to establish an early diagnosis program to detect lead poisoning cases; the program must include the routine examination of children under age six in accordance with CDC protocols
19a-112a	Technical guidelines for health care response to victims of sexual assault <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that the state's protocol for health care response to victims of sexual assault includes nonoccupational post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV, as recommended by the CDC
19a-112h	HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP) drug assistance program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that medications funded under DPH's statewide program providing HIV PrEP and PEP drug assistance are consistent with the CDC's recommendations
19a-490o	Health care associated infections and antimicrobial resistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPH to annually post online information the department collects under the mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance, including links to the CDC's health care associated infection data reports
19a-490y	Tuberculosis standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires licensed health care facilities to have policies and procedures in place that reflect the CDC's recommendations for tuberculosis screening, testing, treatment, and education for health care personnel
19a-491g	Home health care and home health aide agency worker health and safety training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires home health agencies (except for those licensed as hospice organizations) to adopt and implement a home care worker health and safety training curriculum consistent with the one endorsed by the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
19a-522	Regulations on vaccinations at nursing homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the DPH commissioner to adopt regulations generally assuring that admitted nursing home patients be immunized against influenza and pneumococcal disease, and annually protected against influenza and vaccinated against pneumonia, in accordance with ACIP recommendations
19a-563b	Nursing home personal protective equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that staff personal protective equipment in nursing homes may only be reused in accordance with the strategies to optimize personal protective equipment supplies in health care settings published by the CDC
19a-581	AIDS testing and related laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines AIDS in relation to the CDC's definition, for purposes of laws on AIDS testing and related matters

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19a-754g	Health care cost growth benchmarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Office of Health Strategy commissioner, in developing annual health care quality benchmarks, to consider quality measures endorsed by nationally recognized organizations, including (among others) the CDC
20-14m	Long-term antibiotic therapy for Lyme disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of a law on antibiotic therapy for Lyme disease, specifies that Lyme disease includes, among other things, (1) certain stains that the CDC recognizes as a cause of Lyme disease or (2) an infection that meets the CDC's surveillance criteria
20-14o	Opioid prescriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to certain exceptions, prohibits prescribing practitioners from issuing more than a seven-day supply of opioids to an adult patient for first time outpatient use, as recommended in the CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
20-114	Dental Commission disciplinary action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows the state Dental Commission to take disciplinary action against a dentist for (among numerous other things) failure to follow the CDC's most recent guidelines for infection control in dental care settings
20-633	Vaccine administration by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows pharmacists to order, prescribe, and administer vaccines that are on the CDC's age-appropriate immunization schedule, or vaccines not on the schedule if the vaccine instructions are on the CDC website (among other criteria and patient age restrictions; this law also allows pharmacy technicians to administer these same vaccines under certain conditions) Requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner, in consultation with the DPH commissioner and the Commission of Pharmacy, to adopt implementing regulations, including to identify qualifying training programs accredited by the CDC or certain other entities
20-633f	Regulations on pharmacists ordering and administering certain tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the DCP commissioner, in consultation with the DPH commissioner, the Commission of Pharmacy, and certain other groups, to adopt regulations implementing a law allowing pharmacists (under certain conditions and patient age restrictions) to order and administer COVID-19, flu, and HIV tests and prescribe HIV prophylaxis, and delegate some of these tasks to technicians; requires that the regulations, among other things, (1) ensure compliance with all applicable CDC guidance and (2) identify qualifying training programs accredited by the CDC or certain other entities
20-633k	Contraception prescribing by pharmacists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows pharmacists who meet certain requirements to prescribe emergency or hormonal contraceptives; among other things, the pharmacist must (1) have reviewed the most current version of the CDC's U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (or any successor document) before prescribing, and if the pharmacist deviates from the guidance, document the pharmacist's rationale in writing, and (2) give the patient a document outlining age-appropriate health screenings that are consistent with CDC recommendations

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21a-157	Communicable diseases and food employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally prohibits employers from knowingly allowing to work in their bakery, food warehouse, or food manufacturing establishment anyone affected with any pathogen that is on the CDC's "List of Infectious and Communicable Diseases which are Transmitted Through the Food Supply"
21a-432	Youth athletic activities and concussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires youth athletic activity operators to annually make available a statement regarding concussions to youth athletes and their parents or legal guardians, and requires the statement to be consistent with the most recent information provided by the CDC regarding concussions
22a-209b	Biomedical waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of a law regulating the disposal of biomedical waste, defines "isolation waste" as biological waste and discarded material contaminated with body fluids from, among other things, animals which are isolated because they are known to be infected with a highly communicable disease; a highly communicable disease is one listed in a specified CDC/NIH document
31-399	Data on occupational illnesses and injuries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that the Workers' Compensation Commission's data collection and reporting on occupational illnesses and injuries to be in a form that is consistent with the CDC's system
31-900	Connecticut Essential Workers COVID-19 Assistance program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of this program (which is no longer operational), defines "essential employee" as anyone employed in a category recommended by ACIP as of February 20, 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a, 1b, or 1c of the COVID-19 vaccination program
31-901	Connecticut Premium Pay program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of this program (which is no longer operational), defines "eligible applicant" as someone who, among other criteria, was in a category recommended by ACIP as of February 20, 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a, 1b, or 1c
38a-492r & 38a-518r	Mandatory insurance coverage for certain immunizations and provider consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires certain individual and group health insurance policies, with respect to immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from ACIP for the individual, to provide coverage for these immunizations and at least a 20-minute consultation between the individual and a health care provider

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Citation	Topic and Brief Summary of Relevant Provisions
54-102aa , 54-102bb & 54-102cc	<p>Tuberculosis Testing in Prisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally requires that anyone in DOC custody who tests positive for latent tuberculosis infection first be medically evaluated for infectious tuberculosis and then offered treatment as recommended by the CDC • Generally requires that in DOC facilities, the facility medical director, contractor, and chief administrator ensure that each incarcerated inmate, upon incarceration, has a tuberculin skin test, unless already known to be positive, a symptom evaluation, and if indicated according to the most recent CDC recommendations, a chest radiograph for tuberculosis • Requires the DOC's tuberculosis infection control committee to develop guidelines to implement the law on evaluation of infection among inmates, and provides that the guidelines be consistent with the most recent CDC recommendations

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