

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS/EXEMPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION

(Please read entire form, both sides, before signing.)

Vaccines are a safe and inexpensive way to provide long lasting protection against certain diseases that may cause permanent mental or physical damage to your child.

Maine State Law requires that all school children in Pre-K through Grade 12 be protected against Diphtheria, Pertussis (whooping cough), Tetanus (lockjaw), Polio, Mumps, Measles, Rubella (German measles), Varicella (chicken pox) and Meningococcal Meningitis. Before registering for school, all children must present an immunization record signed by a physician, nurse, or other person, who gave the vaccine, unless the child is exempted. The record must show the date and type of vaccine given.

Parents of those children who do not have a record of immunization at the time of registration are allowed 90 days from the date of school entry to present one. **Students still not immunized (protected) by December 1st will not be able to attend school until the immunization requirements are met.** According to Maine Law, no child may be admitted to school without proof of immunization or a certificate of exemption.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The following represents <u>minimal</u> requirements only. Parents are urged to consult with their family physician or public health agency regarding additional doses and types of vaccine that are recommend.	
DPT	5 doses (If the 4 th DPT is given after the 4 th birthday, the 5 th dose is not required.)
POLIO	4 doses (If the 3 rd Polio is given after the 4 th birthday, the 4 th dose is not required.)
MMR	2 Doses
VARICELLA (Chicken Pox)	Age 4-12 – 1 dose; Age 13 and older – 2 doses; The student must meet one of the following: the immunization(s), <u>or</u> a written note from the doctor stating that the child had a case of chicken pox; <u>or</u> a blood test report documenting immunity to chicken pox.
MCV4 (Meningococcal)	1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) is required for all students entering Grade 7. Two doses of meningococcal vaccine are required for students entering Grade 12, with a minimum interval of 8 weeks between dose one and dose two. If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the 16 th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Individual school systems may establish requirements that are more stringent than the State of Maine requirements.

EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL

There are three ways for a parent to seek exemptions from immunizations. They include medical exemptions, religious exemptions and philosophical exemptions.

A small number of children will not be able to receive immunizations because it is medically inadvisable. Before the start of each school year, the parent must present a physician's written statement that immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable.

Parents seeking exemption on the basis of religious or philosophical objections must provide a written statement describing the name(s) of the vaccine(s) objected to and the specific reason(s) for the objection(s) to each individual vaccine. This statement must be submitted every year.

School children exempted from immunization will be excluded from school if one of the diseases, for which immunization is available, is identified in the community. Children excluded from school will be prohibited from attending school until either the child has been immunized, the danger of outbreak has passed, or the child contracts the disease and has completely recovered.

Parent, please complete child's name, address, etc., then sign and date.

_____ Child's Last Name	_____ Child's First Name	_____ Address
_____ Telephone		_____
_____ School		_____
_____ Grade		
<p>I understand that within 90 days of enrollment to school, my child needs to be immunized against the diseases listed above for which he/she is presently not protected, or if immunized, submit documentation thereof. If I am seeking an exemption from immunization, I will present the necessary written statement(s) within 90 days of enrollment.</p>		
_____ Signature of Parent		_____ Date