

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in M.S.A.D. No. 75 schools are required by Maine Law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against the following:

DEFINITIONS:

DTap – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Polio – Poliomyelitis

MMR – Measles, Mumps, Rubella

Varicella – Chicken Pox

Tdap – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

MCV4 – Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine – Meningococcal disease

Required for Pre-K entry:

- 4 DTap
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 1 Varicella
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Required for Kindergarten entry:

- 5 DTap (4 DTap if the 4th is given on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 Polio (3 Polio if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday)
- 2 MMR
- 2 Varicella

Required for 7th grade entry:

- All previously-required vaccines
- 1 Tdap
- 1 MCV-4

Required for 12th grade entry:

- All previously-required vaccines
- 2 MCV-4 (only one dose if required if the 1st dose is given on or after 16th birthday)

Each immunization entry must include the vaccine type, date administered and the name of the provider.

For children who have not received vaccinations on a schedule that is in accordance with this rule, the child or parent, in consultation with a Maine-licensed physician, registered nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, may determine an appropriate catch-up schedule that will meet immunity requirements for this rule. This plan for immunization must be maintained in the child's health record.

OR

- Medical exemption for one or all vaccines
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to specific diseases or reliable history of disease documented by a physician or other primary care provider

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions is met:

- The student's parent/guardian provides to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career; or
- The parent/guardian provides a written statement each year from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that, in his/her professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulations).

A student covered by an IEP who elected a religious or philosophical exemption prior to September 1, 2021, may continue to attend school under the existing exemption as long as:

- The parent or guardian of the student provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that the physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant has consulted with the parent or guardian and has made the parent or guardian aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize; or
- If the student is 18 years of age or older, the student provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that the physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant has consulted with the student and has made the student aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize.

A child not immunized or immune from a disease must be excluded from school and school activities when a public health official determines that the child's continued presence in school poses a clear danger to the health of others.

The Superintendent/designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.

Legal Reference: ***20-A MRS*** §§ 6352-6539
 Me. Dept of Educ. Rule Ch. 126

Cross Reference: ***JRA – Student Educational Records***

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