

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Maine State Statutes require that all children be immunized prior to school attendance. Required immunizations are:

DPT (Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus): five doses, unless the fourth dose was administered after the child's fourth birthday.

MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella): two doses

Poliomyelitis: four doses, unless the third dose was administered after the fourth birthday.

Varicella: one dose is required for school entry.

Parents must provide documentation that their child is fully immunized within 90 days of enrolling or registering for school. (Because of spring registration, kindergarten students usually exhaust this time period prior to the start of school. Immunization records will be reviewed during the first week of June for compliance.)

The granting of this 90 day period is a one-time provision.

If a student is transferred from another school, proof of immunization must be provided within 21 calendar days from the date of registration. (Because school districts sometimes omit health records when school records are forwarded, parents may wish to independently present proof of the child's immunization.)

Your child will be excluded from school attendance unless the timelines listed above are met.

Parents may claim exemption from immunization requirements due to religious beliefs, or for philosophical reason, or when the school is presented with a medical exemption signed by the child's physician.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the immunization and attendance status of your child, please contact your building principal or the school nurses for assistance.

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