

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING RSU 1 SCHOOLS

All parents/guardians registering a student in the RSU 1 must show written proof that their child has received the following immunizations per State of Maine Immunization Law, *before* they may attend school. The school nurse will notify the parent/guardian reminding them of the statute requirements. If no response within five (5) days, the superintendent will be informed and send official notification to the parent that the student must, by law, be excluded, from attending school.

CHOICES Pre-K Program

- 4 DTP
- 3 OPV/IPV
- 1 MMR
- 1 Varicella

K-12th Grade

- 5 DTP /DT (4 if the fourth dose was given on/after age 4)
- 1 Tdap (for children entering, advancing, or transferring into 7th grade)
- 4 OPV/IPV (3 if the third dose was given on/after age 4)
- 2 MMR
- 1 Varicella
- 1 MCV4 (for children entering, advancing, or transferring into 7th grade)
- 2 MCV4 (for children entering, advancing, or transferring into 12th grade or 1 dose if the first was given after age 16)

Acceptable forms of evidence of immunization include: medical record from a medical office, laboratory results, or official Certificate of Immunization. One form of evidence must be provided to the school main office for a child to attend RSU 1 schools.

A child who does not meet the immunization/immunity requirement may be enrolled in school under the following circumstances:

- A. The parents/guardian provides written assurance to the school that the child will be immunized by private effort within 90 days of enrolling (officially registering) in school or first attendance in school classes, whichever date is the earliest. The granting of this 90 day period is a one-time provision. A child transferring from one school to another within the state may not be granted a second 90-day period, however, a period of 21 calendar days may be granted to allow for the transfer of health records from one school to another.
- B. The parent/guardian presents to the school each year a physician's written statement that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation).
- C. The parent/guardian states in writing each year an opposition to immunization because of a sincere religious belief or for philosophical reasons.

A child not immunized or immune from a disease shall be excluded from school and school activities when in the opinion of a public health official the child's continued presence in school poses clear danger to the health of others. The superintendent shall exclude the child from school and school activities during the period of danger or until the child is immunized.

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 §§ 6352-6359
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules) and Chapter 261

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