

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in the Dr. Lewis S. Libby are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox).

Effective with the 2018-2019 school year, Maine's immunization requirements also apply to meningococcal disease:

- A. One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 is required for all students entering 7th grade.

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

- A. The parents/guardians provide 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
- B. The parents/guardians provide a physician's written statement each year that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation); or
- C. The parents/guardians state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to their sincere religious or philosophical beliefs. A waiver is available upon request. Such request must be renewed each year. In the event of a granted waiver, in the case of an outbreak of the specific disease for which your child is not protected, your child will be kept out of school and school activities. The length of time your child may be kept out of school may vary from a week to over a month depending on the disease and length of outbreak. If your child is kept out of school, the school is not required to provide off-site classes or tutoring. The school may make reasonable accommodations to assist your child in keeping up with class work assignments.

The Superintendent shall exclude from school any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.

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 MRSA §§ 6352-6359
Me. Dept. of Educ. Rule Ch. 126 (May 10, 2018)

Cross Reference: JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases
JRA – Student Educational Records

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