
IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in Bangor School Department schools 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 students entering 7th grade.
- B. Students entering 12th grade are required to have received two doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the student is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.

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.
- D. The parents/guardians grant written consent for their child to be immunized by a public health officer, physician, nurse or other authorized person employed by or acting as an agent of the school unit.

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
JO – Student Education Record and Information

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