

Required Maine Vaccinations:

Work with your child's doctor to make sure they have the vaccines required to attend school in Maine. **Your child can go to school if they are working toward full vaccination status.** The school will require information from your doctor.

Pre-K

- 4 DTaP
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 1 Varicella

Kindergarten

All Pre-K vaccines PLUS

- 1 DTaP *
- 2 Polio *
- 3 MMR
- 4 Varicella

7th Grade

All Pre-K and Kindergarten vaccines PLUS

- 1 Tdap
- 2 MCV4

12th Grade

All Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 7th grade vaccines PLUS

- 1 MCV4 *

If medically necessary, exemption for one or all vaccines can be obtained by a licensed Maine doctor.

* Some doses for DTaP, Polio, and MCV4 may not be required based on when the previous dose was given.

What are Vaccines?

Vaccines, sometimes called immunizations, teach the immune system to recognize and fight infections before they can get you sick. This can reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent severe illness. Maine requires certain vaccines so students are immunized when they attend school.

Other vaccines are available to protect your child from illnesses like Hepatitis, HPV, Meningitis B, Influenza, and COVID-19. Talk with your doctor for more guidance.

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Notes:



Childhood Vaccinations:

mandatory for enrollment
in Maine schools



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Required Vaccines

Some vaccines are only given one time, others are given in a series. This means you may need to get the same vaccine more than once over a period of time to be fully protected.

's Vaccine Checklist

Vaccine doses needed before starting:



	Pre- K	Kindergarten (All previous doses plus)	7th Grade (All previous doses plus)	12th Grade (All previous doses plus)
DTap / Tdap	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	☒ ★	☐	
Polio	☐ ☐ ☐	☒ ●		
MMR	☐	☐		
Varicella	☐	☐		
MCV4			☐	☒ ■

- ☐ One dose of the vaccine
- ☒ Check the boxes once you get a dose of the vaccine
- ★ 5th dose of DTaP not needed if 4th dose is given on or after 4th birthday
- 4th dose of Polio not needed if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday
- 2nd dose of MCV4 not needed if the 1st dose is given on or after 16th birthday

Notes:



DTaP/Tdap

DTaP and Tdap are combination vaccines that protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (whooping cough). Diphtheria causes throat swelling that makes it hard to breathe. Tetanus can cause lockjaw. Pertussis is a respiratory disease that can cause serious illness in children.



Polio

Polio vaccine fights against poliomyelitis (Polio). The Polio virus infects the lymph nodes and the nervous system and may cause nerve damage and paralysis.



MMR

MMR is a vaccine that protects against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Measles and Rubella are respiratory diseases that also cause a rash. Measles can lead to very serious complications in children. Mumps causes puffy cheeks and a swollen jaw and can have serious complications in some people.



Varicella (Chickenpox)

Varicella is the medical term for Chickenpox. This illness causes a rash that is easily spread to others who are not vaccinated.



MCV4 (Meningococcal)

MCV4 stands for Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine. It protects against 4 types of bacteria that cause Meningococcal disease. This disease starts with flu-like symptoms but can become serious and life threatening.