

**IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

All students who enroll at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf 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).

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

- A. The parents/guardian provide to the school written assurance that children in grades K-12 will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. The parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that children birth to five years old will be immunized within 30 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.

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

The Executive Director 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  
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed Rules)

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

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