

# MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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Department of Health  
and Human Services

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## Get Vaccinated this Summer!

Late spring and summer checkups/physicals for sports and summer camps are a perfect opportunity to catch preteens and teenagers up with routinely recommended vaccines. In addition to the Tdap booster, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend that adolescents receive vaccines to protect against both meningococcal (MCV4) and the human papillomavirus (HPV).

We recommend that you begin sending out reminder recall notices to patients who may be due for immunizations. The CDC also has several resources for back to school immunizations that may be shared via newsletters, emails, and social media!

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/catchupimmunizations/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/back-to-school-vaccines/>

## Tdap for 7th Grade Entry

The Maine school age immunization requirements have recently changed to include Tdap as a required vaccine for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry. Reminder/Recall can also be used as an effective method to get your adolescent patients ready for the start of the 2017-18 school year.

For more information regarding the new requirement, please see the following links:

### School Immunization Requirement Letter

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/communications/2017/school-immunization-requirement-letter-012517.pdf>

### School Immunization Requirement FAQ

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/communications/2017/school-immunization-requirement-faq-012517.pdf>

### Rule Change Parent Letter

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/communications/2017/Rule-Change-Parent-Letter.docx>

## Suggestions to Improve Your Immunization Services



Looking for clear-cut ways to improve your practice's efficiency in administering vaccines and increase your immunization rates?

Visit the link below for a handout that will help you evaluate what your practice may need to improve upon:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2045.pdf>

## Free Online Training Modules

[Using IIS to Increase HPV Vaccination Uptake](#)

[HPV Vaccination: A Pinch of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure](#)

[HPV Vaccine Safety Update](#)

[Immunity Community: Evidence Based Strategies for Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Thirty-six (36) practices have achieved an up-to-date (UTD) rate of **at least 90%** for the 2017 second quarter assessment of children 24-35 months of age in their practice following the 4DTaP, 3Polio, 1MMR, 3 HIB, 3 HepB, 1 Var, 4PCV immunization series. That speaks highly of how well office staff have worked together to reach this goal. Congratulations on your continued efforts to increase immunization coverage in the State of Maine!

| Provider Name                        | UTD Rate | Provider Name                      | UTD Rate |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| ARNOLD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CTR PA       | 100%     | NEW HORIZONS NORTH ANSON           | 100%     |
| ASHLAND HEALTH CENTER                | 100%     | PASSAMAQUODDY HEALTH CENTER        | 100%     |
| CAPEHART COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER     | 100%     | PRESQUE ISLE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER  | 100%     |
| D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-LEEDS  | 100%     | REDINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE          | 100%     |
| D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-TURNER | 100%     | RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER        | 100%     |
| DEXTER FAMILY PRACTICE               | 100%     | SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS – DOVER | 100%     |
| EASTPORT HEALTH CARE                 | 100%     | ST. CROIX REG FAMILY HEALTH CENTER | 100%     |
| ELLSWORTH FAMILY PRACTICE            | 100%     | STOCKTON SPRINGS REGIONAL H.C.     | 100%     |
| FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH-FORT KENT    | 100%     | CALAIS REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES   | 96%      |
| FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH – EAGLE LAKE | 100%     | DOWNEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – PEDS | 95%      |
| GUILFORD MEDICAL ASSOCIATES          | 100%     | GRAY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER          | 93%      |
| HAMLIN PRIMARY CARE/BEN FISKE HLTH   | 100%     | EMMC PEDIATRIC MEDICINE            | 92%      |
| HAN-LINCOLN (URGENT CARE POD)        | 100%     | HELEN HUNT HEALTH CENTER           | 92%      |
| HARRINGTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER      | 100%     | HOULTON PEDIATRICS                 | 92%      |
| JACKMAN REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER       | 100%     | WESTBROOK PEDIATRICS               | 92%      |
| JAMES M KIRSH DO                     | 100%     | KENNEBEC PEDIATRICS                | 91%      |
| MECHANIC FALLS FAMILY PRACTICE CTR   | 100%     | MMP PORTLAND PEDIATRICS            | 91%      |
| NEW HORIZONS MADISON                 | 100%     | MMP SACO PEDIATRICS                | 90%      |

Successful immunization of patients involves the participation of everyone in the provider office. Quarterly, MIP will continue to acknowledge practices identified with **90% or greater** UTD rates. Congratulations again for all your hard work!

If you would like help raising your rates please contact Clara Alvarez at 207-287-4068.

**If you have any questions,  
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[www.ImmunizeME.org](http://www.ImmunizeME.org)**

