

# MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2017



## Reminder: Tdap for 7th Grade Entry

The Maine school age immunization requirements have recently changed to include 1 Tdap as a required vaccine for 7th grade entry. Make sure your 7th grade patients are up-to-date with Tdap, as well as with their HPV and meningococcal vaccines.

## 2017-2018 Influenza Vaccine Availability and Ordering

The Maine Immunization Program (MIP) is pleased to announce that influenza vaccine will be available for you to order through ImmPact on September 5.

MIP is supplying seasonal influenza vaccine for all children in Maine, ages 6 months through 18 years.

**MIP will not be supplying influenza vaccines to adults 19 years or older regardless of health or insurance status.**

To ensure your facility will be eligible to place your order, please guarantee that the following are up-to-date within ImmPact:

- 2017 Provider Agreement
- Current ImmPact User Agreement
- Current submission of monthly temperature logs
- Current reconciliation of inventory

**As stipulated in your Immunization Provider Vaccine Agreement, we ask that you order only the amount of vaccine that you know you will be administering for a 6-week time period.**

Please note: Influenza vaccine ordered for the 2017-2018 season will be subject to the Vaccine Replacement Procedure.

The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) did NOT change. Please continue to use the 8-7-2015 edition.

## U. S. CDC Reports on Merck Hepatitis B Vaccine Shortage

*U.S. CDC recently posted the following notice on its Current Vaccine Shortages & Delays web page:*

Merck is not currently distributing its adult Hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB) and does not expect to be distributing adult Hepatitis B vaccine between now and the end of 2018. Additionally, Merck anticipates that its pediatric Hepatitis B (Recombivax HB) vaccine will be unavailable between early August 2017 and early 2018. Merck's supply of the dialysis formulation of Hepatitis B vaccine, however, is not affected and is expected to remain available. GlaxoSmithKline has sufficient supplies of adult and pediatric Hepatitis B vaccines (Engerix-B) to address these anticipated gaps in Merck's supply of adult and pediatric Hepatitis B vaccines during these time periods; however, preferences for a specific presentation (i.e., vial versus syringe) may not be met consistently during this time.

## Age Eligibility for Vaccines



**Children under the age of 19 are eligible** for publicly-supplied vaccine from the State of Maine. This includes children up to age 18 years, 364 days.

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Immunization Program and what they are for. There are four types of site visits:

**VFC (Vaccines For Children) Compliance Visit:** This visit assesses program requirements (such as program eligibility), assesses storage and handling practices, and provides education.

**AFIX (Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange) Visit:** This is an education visit. AFIX is a continuous quality improvement strategy to improve immunization rates at the provider level.

**Unannounced Storage and Handling Visit:** This unscheduled “pop-in” visit assesses storage and handling techniques and provides education.

**Education/Orientation Visit:** This visit is for new practices and staff, to orient new staff to MIP and its programs and policies. To schedule an education/orientation visit, contact Celeste Poulin at 207-287-4466.

## Congratulations!

Thirty-seven practices achieved an up-to-date (UTD) rate of **at least 90%** for the 2017 third quarter assessment of children 24-35 months of age in their practice following the 4DTaP, 3Polio, 1MMR, 3HIB, 3HepB, 1Var, 4PCV immunization series. This speaks highly of how well office staff have worked together to reach this goal.

| Provider Name                        | UTD Rate | Provider Name                           | UTD Rate |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| ARNOLD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CTR PA       | 100%     | MICMAC SERVICE UNIT                     | 100%     |
| CAPEHART COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER     | 100%     | NORTH HAVEN MEDICAL CLINIC              | 100%     |
| D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CTR-MONMOUTH  | 100%     | PASSAMAQUODDY HEALTH CENTER             | 100%     |
| D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-LEEDS  | 100%     | SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS              | 100%     |
| D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-TURNER | 100%     | ST. CROIX REGIONAL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER | 100%     |
| DECH MEDICAL ASSOCIATES              | 100%     | STOCKTON SPRINGS REGIONAL H.C.          | 100%     |
| EAST GRAND HEALTH CARE               | 100%     | TWIN CITY FAMILY PRACTICE               | 100%     |
| EASTPORT HEALTH CARE                 | 100%     | DOWNEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-PEDS        | 97%      |
| ELLSWORTH FAMILY PRACTICE            | 100%     | HOULTON PEDIATRICS                      | 93%      |
| EMMC ORONO FAMILY MEDICINE           | 100%     | HELEN HUNT HEALTH CENTER                | 92%      |
| FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH-FORT KENT    | 100%     | EMMC PEDIATRIC MEDICINE                 | 91%      |
| FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH-EAGLE LAKE   | 100%     | KENNEBEC PEDIATRICS                     | 91%      |
| FULL CIRCLE FAMILY MEDICINE, LLC     | 100%     | HAMLIN PRIMARY CARE/BEN FISKE HEALTH    | 91%      |
| GALBRAITH FAMILY MEDICINE            | 100%     | CALAIS REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES        | 90%      |
| HARRINGTON FAMILY HEALTH             | 100%     | FRANKLIN HEALTH PEDIATRICS              | 90%      |
| HOULTON FAMILY PRACTICE              | 100%     | MMP PORTLAND PEDIATRICS                 | 90%      |
| JAMES M KIRSH DO                     | 100%     | WESTBROOK PEDIATRICS                    | 90%      |
| JOHN F GADDIS DO                     | 100%     | WESTERN MAINE PEDIATRICS                | 90%      |
| MECHANIC FALLS FAMILY PRACTICE CTR   | 100%     |   |          |

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 and for your continued effort to increase immunization coverage in the State of Maine!

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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