

Hermon School Department
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education have revised the Maine School Immunization Requirements rule to now include meningococcal meningitis disease. Meningococcal is a rare, but dangerous disease that most commonly affects teens and young adults. As of the 2017-2018 school year, Pertussis (whooping cough) was added to the requirements. Pertussis is a very contagious respiratory disease and immunity wears off over time. Immunizations with Tdap and MCV4 can protect students, schools and communities. These changes further align Maine's immunization rules with current national recommendations to better protect the health of all Maine people.

The following changes are effective for the 2018-2019 school year for all students attending a public or private school in the State of Maine:

All students entering, advancing or transferring into **seventh (7th) grade** will need to receive:

- **One dose of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap)**
- **One dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)**

All students entering, advancing or transferring into **twelfth (12th) grade** will need to receive:

- **Two doses of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4), with a minimum interval of 8 weeks between dose one and two. If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.**

We are providing you with this information now so that you have ample time to schedule an appointment/provide required record of immunization **prior to the first day of the 2018-2019 school year.**

For more information please reference the below links.

<https://mainedoews.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/NEW-MCV4-School-Immunization-Requirement-FAQ.pdf>

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/family/documents/2017-School-Immunization-Requirement-FAQ.pdf>

Please contact Angie Scripture, RN at (207) 848-4048 or scripturea@hermon.net , Karen LeBreton, RN at (207) 848-4016 or lebretonk@hermon.net, or the Maine Immunization Program at (207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775 or by email at ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov if you have questions.

Thank You,

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