



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are reaching out on behalf of your child’s provider team at Katahdin Valley Health Center to assist in getting your child scheduled for their needed routine vaccinations.

Vaccinations protect children from a number of life-threatening illnesses, and it is important to complete them in a timely fashion to ensure the best possible protection.

Though it may seem like a long time from now, these routine vaccinations are also required by the State of Maine before your child can enroll in a public or private Maine school. Please see the attached list of required vaccinations by the Maine Department of Education for more details.

If you have questions about vaccinations, your child’s provider would be happy to discuss these questions with you in the office. Please call us today to set up an appointment with your child’s provider for questions or with the nursing staff for administration of necessary vaccinations. The health of your child is our priority.

### **Maine School Immunization Requirements**

All children enrolled in a public or private school in Maine must have the following immunizations.

<p>Required for <b>Pre-K</b> Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 DTaP</li> <li>• 3 Polio</li> <li>• 1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)</li> <li>• 1 Varicella (chickenpox)</li> </ul>	<p>Required for <b>Kindergarten</b> entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 DTaP (4 DTaP if 4<sup>th</sup> is given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)</li> <li>• 4 Polio (3 Polio is 3<sup>rd</sup> is given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)</li> <li>• 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)</li> <li>• 2 Varicella (chickenpox)</li> </ul>
<p>Required for <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All previously required vaccines</li> <li>• 1 Tdap</li> <li>• 1 Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)</li> </ul>	<p>Required for <b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All previously required vaccines</li> <li>• 2 MCV4 (only one dose is required if the 1<sup>st</sup> dose is given on or after 16<sup>th</sup> birthday)</li> </ul>
<p><b>OR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical exemption for one or all vaccines</li> <li>• Laboratory evidence of immunity to specific diseases or reliable history of disease documented by a physician or other primary care provider</li> <li>• Philosophical or religious exemptions are only allowable for students with an IEP and exemption in place prior to September 1, 2021</li> </ul>	

Each immunization entry must include the vaccine type, date administered and the name of the provider .As of September 1, 2021 only medical exemptions are allowable except as described in **Title 20-A§6355**.

**For More Information, Please Contact:**  
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