

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY  
Section 810**

**SUBJECT: STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS**

**PURPOSE: To comply with laws regarding student immunizations**

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**A. Introduction**

Maine law requires most MCCS students to provide prior to enrollment proof of immunization or immunity for certain diseases. The purpose of this policy is to assist the colleges in meeting this requirement.

**B. Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, "student" means any person born after December 31, 1956, who attends full-time, or who attends less than full-time and is a candidate for a degree, diploma, or certificate. A student who is enrolled in a distance education program offered by a college and who does not physically attend any classes or programs at a college campus, center, or site is exempt from law and this policy.

**C. Required Immunizations**

Maine law requires all students as defined above to provide proof of immunization or immunity for the following diseases:

1. Diphtheria/Tetanus: One dose of DT, TD, or DTP administered within 10 years of the student's enrollment;
2. Measles: Two doses of measles vaccine administered after the student's first birthday;
3. Rubella: Two doses of rubella vaccine administered after the student's first birthday; and
4. Mumps: Two doses of mumps vaccine administered after the student's first birthday.

**D. Evidence of Immunity**

To demonstrate the required immunizations, each student shall present a certificate of immunization from the provider who administered the immunization. The proof must specify the patient name, date of birth, immunizing agent and the date it was administered. School health

records are usually acceptable to meet this requirement. To demonstrate immunity against measles, mumps, and/or rubella, a student must present a medical provider's statement demonstrating the student's immunity status.

**E. Medical Exemption from Immunity**

A student is exempt from the above requirements if the student, or the parent or guardian if the student is a minor, provides a written statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that, in the physician's, nurse practitioner's or physician assistant's professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable.

**F. Failure to Comply**

Any student who does not comply with these requirements or qualify for a medical exemption may be excluded from a college.

**G. Records**

Each college shall keep records of the immunizations and immunization status of each student. Such records shall be part of the student's permanent records.

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