

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION
Maine State Immunization Law for Postsecondary Education

Maine State Law **requires** that all students who are enrolled full-time or part-time in a degree program or who are taking at least 12 credits through the Continuing Education Department show proof of immunity to the following infectious diseases: **measles (rubeola), rubella (German measles), mumps (MMR) if born after December 31, 1956, and tetanus/diphtheria (TD) all students regardless of age.** The University is not allowed to permit a student to be enrolled or to attend classes without a certificate of immunization or other evidence of immunity. The presentation of acceptable proof of immunization or immunity must be made prior to a student's attendance at class or participation in other activities conducted by the University.

What your Certificate of Immunization needs to show?

Students must present certification of immunization or proof of immunity indicating the following:

1. Diphtheria and tetanus vaccine given **within the past 10 years**. If a tetanus shot only has been given within the past 5 years, the student may be temporarily exempt from the diphtheria requirement.
2. **Two** doses of Measles vaccine-the first given **after the first birthday with live vaccine**. Vaccines given after 1968 use live vaccine. If the vaccine was given before 1968, the type of vaccine must be indicated. "LIVE VACCINE" is acceptable. "UNSPECIFIED VACCINE" is unacceptable and the student will need to be re-immunized or show proof of immunity through laboratory bloodwork called a titre.
3. **Two** doses of Rubella vaccine-the first given **after the first birthday**.
4. **Two** doses of Mumps vaccine-the first given **after the first birthday**.

How do you get Proof of Immunity?

A photocopy of one or more of the following is acceptable as proof of immunity:

1. School immunization/health record signed by school nurse or physician.
2. Immunization record from your physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant or other professional health care provider. (In the United States this may be a green booklet and in Canada this may be a yellow booklet.)
3. U.S. Military immunization record. (Usually in the form of a green booklet)
4. Laboratory evidence of immunity (titres) to rubeola, rubella, and mumps, if immunization records are not available.

How do Re-immunization(s)/Exemptions need to be documented?

If you do not have the required immunizations or do not have official records, have your health care provider immunize or re-immunize you prior to coming to campus. Students with medical exemptions from vaccination(s) must present a written reason for exemption **signed** by their health care provider.

Examples:

1. **Allergic Reaction to previous (specify) vaccination, further vaccination not recommended. Signed**
2. **Currently pregnant or nursing, vaccination(s) waived temporary until delivery or nursing ceases. May be vaccinated on approximately MONTH/DAY/YEAR. Signed.**

Exempted students shall be excluded from campus during a disease outbreak, should one occur.

All records must be signed by the physician or nurse who administered the vaccine/exemption. Please **do not submit original** records as immunization records will be kept on file and not returned. Send to: Health Services, Emerson Annex, UMaine-Presque Isle, 181 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769-2888. You may fax records to: (207)768-9583.