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### **NEWS.....from the Alfred Health Officer**

#### **Maine Immunization Program Exists To Assist You In Achieving Protection Against Vaccine Preventable Diseases!**

The Maine Immunization Program strives to ensure full protection of all Maine children and adults from vaccine-preventable disease. Through cooperative partnerships with public and private health practitioners and community members, the MIP provides vaccine, comprehensive education and technical assistance, vaccine-preventable disease tracking and outbreak control, accessible population-based management tools, and compassionate support services that link individuals into comprehensive health care systems.

The information posted here as well as that available at Town Hall is to assist you in enrolling in this program.

# Maine's Lifetime of Good Health

These are the shots your child needs – Immunize as soon as possible!

At birth	HepB
2 months	HepB + DTaP + PCV + Hib + Polio + Rotavirus
4 months	DTaP + PCV + Hib + Polio + Rotavirus
6 months	HepB + DTaP + PCV + Polio + Influenza + Rotavirus
12 months	MMR* + Varicella* + PCV + Hib + HepA
18 months	HepA + DTaP
4 - 6 years	MMR* + Varicella* + DTaP + Polio



\* Combination vaccine MMR-V can be used instead of single dose varicella or single dose MMR

1. HepB: hepatitis B, a serious liver disease.
2. DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough).
3. PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine protects against serious blood, lung and brain infection.
4. Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b. A serious brain and throat infection.
5. Polio: a serious paralyzing disease.
6. MMR: measles, mumps and rubella.
7. Varicella: also called chicken pox.
8. HepA: hepatitis A, a serious liver disease.
9. Rotavirus: a serious diarrhea illness.

Influenza recommendations change frequently; please contact your healthcare provider to see if your child needs influenza vaccine.



Contact your healthcare professional to make sure that your child is fully protected.

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Maine's Immunization Schedule is compatible with the current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians

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Age	Vaccine
Ages 11 – 18	<b>Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis)</b> Protects against tetanus, serious breathing problems, and whooping cough
	<b>HPV (Human Papillomavirus)</b> Protects against cervical cancer
	<b>MCV4 (Meningococcal)</b> Protects against meningitis
	<b>HepB (Hepatitis B)</b> Protects against hepatitis B, a liver disease
	<b>Influenza (Flu)</b> Protects against serious respiratory disease.

- This is a routine schedule. Some teens may need additional shots.
- Please speak with your health care provider to see if your teen needs additional shots.
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## Frequently Asked Questions Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

### **What is VFC?**

The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a major federal funding source, these funds are used to purchase vaccines for children that meet a specific criteria.

### **Who is an eligible child?**

Any child from birth through 18 years of age who meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

- ✓ Child is on Mainecare
- ✓ Child is Alaskan Native or American Indian
- ✓ Child does not have any health insurance
- ✓ Child's health insurance DOES NOT pay for vaccine, (FQHC or a RHC are the only facilities that can administer VFC vaccine to these children)

### **Can an underinsured child receive VFC vaccine at any office?**

No, underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccines only if they are served by a Federally Qualified Health Center or a Certified Rural Health Center. You must refer any underinsured children to a FQHC or RHC to be vaccinated.

### **What type of documentation do I need for a VFC eligible child?**

You must screen every child in your practice for VFC eligibility at every immunization visit.

You must record and document any child who is VFC eligible.

You must keep screening records for three (3) years after the last administered VFC vaccine.

### **Why do I need to screen for VFC eligibility if I am able to give vaccine to any child?**

The Maine Immunization Program (MIP) needs to have an accurate count of how many children received VFC vaccine. These numbers are used by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to determine how much vaccine we can purchase for the next year.

After July 2006 not all children in Maine will be able to receive all MIP supplied vaccines. Hepatitis A, HPV, Menactra (MCV4) and RotaTeq will be for VFC eligible children only.

### **Will I be able to order all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines from the Maine Immunization Program?**

No, the MIP does not provide every ACIP recommended vaccine to every provider.



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