

Immunization of Students

All students who enroll in a school operated by Maine Catholic Schools are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox). Additionally, all students enrolled in grades 7-12 must be immunized against meningococcal disease.

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school or school activities unless one of the following conditions is met:

- A. The parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career; or
- B. The parents/guardians provide a licensed physician's written statement each year that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation); or
- C. The student is covered by an existing Individualized Service Plan (ISP), which defines the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) special education services provided by the public school district local education agency (LEA), with a philosophical or religious exemption on or before September 1, 2021, and the parent/guardian provides a statement from a licensed physician that they have been informed of the risks and benefits of immunization.

The Superintendent shall exclude any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.