

Maine School Immunization Requirements

- DTaP/Tdap, Polio, MMR, Varicella, MCV4
- A superintendent may not permit any child to be enrolled in or to attend school without a certificate of immunization for each disease or other acceptable evidence of required immunization or immunity against the disease, except as follows:
 - Written assurance. The parent provides a written assurance the child will be immunized within 90 days by private effort or provides, where applicable, a written consent to the child's immunization by a health officer, physician, nurse or other authorized person in public or private employ
 - Medical exemption. The parent or the child provides a written statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician associate that, in the licensed physician's, nurse practitioner's or physician associate's professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable.
 - Student covered by individualized education plan. A student covered by an individualized education plan on September 1, 2021 who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization requirements on or before September 1, 2021 pursuant to the law in effect prior to that date may continue to attend school under that student's existing exemption as long as:
 - The parent or guardian of the student provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician associate that the physician, nurse practitioner or physician associate has consulted with that parent or guardian and has made that parent or guardian aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize; or
 - If the student is 18 years of age or older, the student provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician associate that the physician, nurse practitioner or physician associate has consulted with that student and has made that student aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize.

Why Docket for Schools?

Annual Maine School Immunization Survey

- Survey Monkey
- Due December 15th
- Kindergarten, seventh, and/or twelfth grades only



2023-2024 Survey Results

- Incomplete reporting
- Erroneous data
- Delayed collection of student records



Reporting Requirements

- Privacy and Security Requirements
 - ImmPact → Docket for Schools = YES
 - Docket for Schools → ImmPact = NO
 - State of Maine staff CANNOT access records – data is viewed at aggregate dashboard level
 - Student records can ONLY be accessed by individuals that have received a direct invite from the school administrator
- Maine Law 20-A M.R.S. § 6357 Reporting Requirements
 - Required reporting
 - Prescribed form to DHHS and DOE
 - Aggregate level data

SECTION 8. REQUIRED REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Responsibility

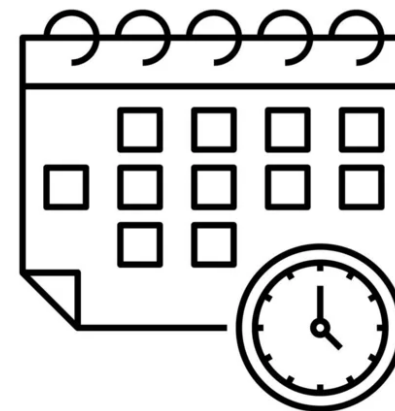
The superintendent is responsible for submitting a summary report regarding the immunization status of students within his or her jurisdiction by December 15 of each year, on a prescribed form, to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education.

B. Summary Report

1. The summary report will include the following information at a minimum: specific information identifying the school, the superintendent; the total student enrollment, the number of new students identified by vaccine type, as either immunized, exempt or out of compliance, and the number of students who are previously enrolled and unimmunized. The summary report will not include the name of any other personally identifying information of any individual student. The report must denote the number of students enrolled pursuant to a written assurance exemption. The summary report will be constructed so as to reflect meaningful data by grade. The school superintendent must certify each report as accurate and complete.

Implementation Timeline




- May 2024 – AIRA networking
- July 2024 – Legal department review
- August 2024 – Met with Department of Education Data Systems Team
- September 2024 – Began contract process using COVID-19 funds
- Contract delays, Docket continues to build application
- March 2025 – Application finished, demo to DOE
- April/May 2025 – 30 school nurses participate in pilot program
- June 2025 – GO LIVE – invite emails sent to all Maine school administrators
- June-October – Webinars held every two weeks
- February 27, 2026 – deadline for annual reporting



Dashboard Level View















Student Level View

Docket Internal Testing   

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All **4** | Action Needed **1** | At Risk **1** | No Action Needed **2**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Aries Montgomery	-		12 days	Non-Compliant	Exempt	Override	Compliant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob Smith	Action Needed 43 days			Conditional	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jaxon Meunier	-		13 days	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marley O'Donnell	-		48 days	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant

DFS – Benefits for Schools

- Automatic transfer of ImmPact (IIS) data
 - Over 300 schools with <95% student record transfers
- Immediate exclusion lists by grade level
 - Updated automatically when student is added to roster
- Streamline parent follow-up
 - Letter to parent/guardian in multiple languages
- Automates annual survey reporting
- Year-round superintendent visibility



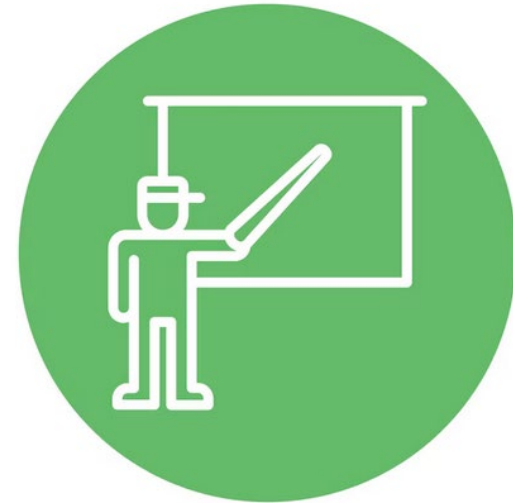
DFS – Benefits for Program

- Year-round compliance visibility (dashboard level)
- Identifies student populations at risk of disease during outbreaks
- Identifies potential interventions for public health nursing to conduct SLVCs
- Increases transparency across all schools and all grade levels
- Eliminates risk of potential reporting errors
- Streamlines annual school immunization survey
- Automates annual CDC kindergarten reporting results



Lessons Learned

- **COMMUNICATION**
 - Collaboration with Department of Education for joint communications
 - Top down – involve superintendents, principals, nurses at every step
- **TIERED ROLL-OUT**
 - Recommend at least one year to enroll all schools
- **PREPARE FOR PUSHBACK**
 - New systems are difficult for all involved
 - Prepare responses for questions on security and confidentiality
- **STAFF UP**
 - Increased help desk support
 - Increased managerial tasks (contracts, communications, etc.)



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