

## Immunizations Information – 8/1/19

We think it may be helpful to provide some information regarding several recent changes in Maine immunization requirements for school children. Hopefully this summary will be helpful as you prepare to begin the new school year.

- A recent change in the law related to **immunization exemption for school children will go into effect in 2021**. This law allows immunization exemptions for medical reasons only. We will learn how this change will be implemented over the next year or so. We will share information when it becomes available to us.
- **Students entering grade 7** this year must have one tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) booster (given after age 7) and one meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) before school starts. The school nurse has contacted all students that will be affected by this new requirement.
- **Students entering grade 12** this year must have at least one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine. Students that have received one MCV4 vaccine before age 16 must have a second immunization given after age 16. Students receiving their first vaccine now will only need one to enter school. The school nurse has contacted all students that will be affected by this new requirement.

Please feel free to contact school nurse Jackie Kilbreth at 320-3802 with any questions you may have regarding immunization requirements for school children. Waivers are accepted for this school year.