

MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE JULY 2017



Measles Case Confirmed in Maine

Maine CDC investigated a travel-associated, confirmed case of measles and worked with the case and clinicians to identify exposed contacts and assess contacts for evidence of immunity. Maine clinicians are asked to increase surveillance for rash illness suggestive of measles to identify early potential cases and prevent the spread of disease in Maine. Providers and their staff are advised to watch for a fever, malaise, cough, coryza and conjunctivitis followed by a maculopapular rash in their patients. Those who are infected are contagious for four days before rash onset through four days after the rash onset. The incubation period is typically 10-14 days, but can last up to 21 days.

All children should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine, the first at 12 through 15 months of age, the second at 4 through 6 years of age. Children who are 6 through 11 months of age who will be traveling internationally should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine. Every effort should be made to identify and vaccinate children who are not up-to-date. All adults should have acceptable proof of immunity to measles. For adults with no evidence of immunity to measles, 1 dose of MMR is recommended, unless the adult is in a high risk group (e.g. international travelers, health care workers, and college students), in which case 2 doses of MMR vaccine are recommended.

Below is a list of locations and times where the infected patient visited and where public exposure may have occurred.

Location	Date	Time
Narrow Gauge Cinema (Farmington, ME)	Thursday June 15	4-9pm
Grantlee's Tavern and Grill (Farmington, ME)	Thursday June 15	7-11pm
Farmington Farmers Market (Farmington, ME)	Saturday June 17	8am—12pm
The Kingfield Woodsman (Kingfield, ME)	Sunday June 18	10am—2pm
Restaurant la Chocolaterie (Lac-Megantic, Quebec, Canada)	Sunday June 18	12-4pm
Franklin Memorial Hospital Emergency Department (Farmington, ME)	Sunday June 18	8-10:30pm
Franklin Memorial Hospital Laboratory (Farmington, ME)	Sunday June 18	12-2:30pm

Any suspected measles cases should be reported immediately by phone to Maine CDC Disease Reporting at 1-800-821-5821.

The best protection against Measles is Vaccination

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Vaccine Wastage Reasons for Reconciliation

In tandem with the new Vaccine Replacement Procedure, the Maine Immunization Program has created a table that defines all potential reasons for vaccine wastage.

Please take a few minutes to review the table and familiarize yourself with all available reasons and the circumstances under which they should be used. Any questions regarding the Vaccine Replacement Procedure or the Vaccine Wastage Reasons for Reconciliation Table should be directed to Vaccine Management at [1-800-569-0659](tel:1-800-569-0659). See the [Table in the Provider Manual on MIP's website](#) for full descriptions of when each wastage reason should be used and notes to consider.

Reasons for Vaccine Wastage

- ◆ Expired
- ◆ Failure to store properly
- ◆ Natural disaster/Power outage
- ◆ Recall
- ◆ Storage Unit Too Cold/Too Warm
- ◆ Spoiled—Other
- ◆ Vaccine Spoiled in Transit
- ◆ Lost or Unaccounted for Vaccine
- ◆ Broken vial/syringe
- ◆ Vaccine Drawn but not Administered

Reminder: Protocol for Expired Vaccines

Step 1. Remove all expired vaccine from refrigerator and/or freezer unit. Place expired vaccine in a bag labeled 'Do Not Use'.

Step 2. Expired vaccine will automatically be removed from active inventory in ImmPact. You will expire the vaccine during monthly reconciliation.

Step 3. During reconciliation, you will get an error to call MIP. We will verify # of doses to be expired.

Step 4. MIP will fax or email you a form and McKesson will email or mail you a UPS return label

Step 5. Return expired vaccine via UPS

For questions, please call Vaccine Management at: 1-800-569-0659

**If you have any questions,
please contact the Maine Immunization
Program at:**

(207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775

www.ImmunizeME.org

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Hampton Inn, Presque Isle—August 8th

Washington County Community College, Calais—
August 9th

Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta—August 16th

MaineHealth, 110 Free Street, Portland—August
22nd

Cross Insurance Building, Bangor—September 21st

Please email the names of those to be registered, Site Name, and PIN to Ashley Lauze at Ashley.Lauze@maine.gov. This training is provided for FREE by the Maine Immunization Program. Registration will begin at 8:30am and the training will conclude at 3:30pm at all locations. Lunch will be on your own.

