

# MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE DECEMBER 2016



## Vaccines for Children Compliance Site Visits



Coming to an end, we are wrapping up site visits with providers and will be starting a brand new year of site visits early next year.

Each year we have common issues that we find during site visits with providers. Each of these issues either require a site visit or phone call to ensure that the compliance has been resolved. For a smoother visit, please have the following items available or bring to your site if your site is scheduled to receive a site visit.

Completed paper temperature logs.  
Administration fee for non-Medicaid VFC patients — please check with your billing department prior to your visit.

Calibration certificate for data loggers, calibration date is located on the backside of the logger) as well as the certificate of calibration, which is located in the data logger's box. When sending data loggers out to the provider who will calibrate them, you must be accompanied by a back-up data logger, which must also have a current calibration date. To calibrate your data logger, please fill out the form at the following link and send to one of the two facilities listed.

[www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-immunization/providers/manual/meter-recalib-notices-8.25.15.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-immunization/providers/manual/meter-recalib-notices-8.25.15.pdf)

Employees who are listed on the provider roster must complete two "You Call the Shots" training modules:

Vaccines for Children

Storage and Handling

Staff who completed both modules in a previous year but did not receive a VFC compliance site visit and have not attended one of our "Annual Updates and Trainings", will only need to complete the "Storage and Handling" module.

Please visit the following link for instructional materials: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-immunization/providers/documents/educationalletter.pdf>

A certificate of completion must be available at the time of the site visit. For more detailed information or questions, please call to speak with one of the health educators at the Maine Immunization Program at 207-287-3746.

## Opportunity to sign-up for Take a Shot! Join the 2017 National HPV Learning Collaborative

The National Improvement Partnership Network and the Academic Pediatric Association are collaborating on a national initiative starting in January 2017, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to recruit health care practices to increase HPV vaccination rates among adolescents to participate in a 9-month, virtual quality improvement project. Practices that join this multi-state project will receive training, methodology and implement evidence-based changes to increase immunization rates and address missed opportunities for HPV vaccine administration. Participants can earn credit towards professional certifications for project participation:

- 25 credits toward Maintenance of Certification (MOC), Part 4 from the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)

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credit for 1 Part IV module or 20 Part IV  
from the American Board of Family  
e (ABFM)

Performance Improvement Continuing  
Education (CME) credits

Information or to enroll, contact Rachel  
Brodeur at:  
[RachelBrodeur@med.uvm.edu](mailto:RachelBrodeur@med.uvm.edu) or  
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### **Immunization Rate Assessment Reports**

ons remain the single most effective way  
ainers against infectious diseases and  
s. The Maine Immunization Program  
e and national data to assess and improve  
on rates, identify populations at risk, and  
impact of current initiatives.

Immunization Program’s website has  
en updated. There is now a link on the  
led “Immunization Rates”. This page will  
following:

od rates (24-35mo) – a county comparison  
arterly

ent rates – a county comparison done  
y

es – a county comparison of males/  
both done quarterly

reports summarizing the following

- School
- Healthcare worker
- Healthcare worker Influenza
- Childcare

- Post-Secondary
- Annual NIS Childhood, Teen  
Influenza report summaries

Please visit: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/midc/infectious-disease/immunization/publications/index.shtml>

### **CDC posts updated HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine Information Statement**

On December 2, CDC posted an updated [HPV \(Human Papillomavirus\) Vaccine Information Statement](#) (VIS). It is essentially the same as it replaces (dated 3/31/16), except that it contains information about the recently approved 2-valent schedule.

Note that the VIS no longer specifies “Gardasil-4”. This is because Gardasil-9 will soon be the only vaccine available in the U.S., as Cervarix and Gardasil-4 will no longer be sold in the United States. The appropriate VISs should continue to be used for those two vaccines as long as unexpired doses are available.

### **“Meningococcal B Vaccine: CDC Answers Your Questions” handout for healthcare professionals**

The Immunization Action Coalition recently developed a new educational piece for healthcare professionals titled [Meningococcal B Vaccine: Answers Your Questions](#). This 2-page piece addresses some of the more common questions about the meningococcal serogroup B vaccine with answers from experts at CDC.

**If you have any questions,  
please contact the Maine Immunization Program at:  
(207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775  
[www.ImmunizeME.org](http://www.ImmunizeME.org)**

