

Securing Complete Immunization Records for Campers and Staff
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Recommended Actions for camps:

Complete immunization histories can streamline the process of dealing with an outbreak at your camp.

1. For campers & staff:
 - a. Include a standard vaccination history that mirrors the form required by schools. The American Camp Association (ACA) health history has a good one with all appropriate dosage dates. Many immunizations require more than one dose to be complete. Sample attached.
 - b. Whether your camp uses the ACA form or not, consider inserting the immunization portion of ACA's form into your camp's medical record to elicit complete immunization history dates (mo/yr). Parents may also substitute the immunization record from their family physician which has a complete history with dates.
 - c. Instruct camp medical personnel to "red flag" any health histories that have missing immunization information when forms are reviewed at the beginning of camp. Preferably health forms can be reviewed, and if they are missing information, returned to obtain complete information BEFORE camp opens.
 - d. Review your "permission to treat" authorization statement with your camp's primary physician, and discuss specifically adding a separate immunization authorization to the form. This statement might include permission to give immunizations "if there is an outbreak of communicable disease and Maine Center for Disease Control recommends immunizations to prevent further spread of the disease" or similar. The generic wording of many "permission to treat" statements has been interpreted by the Maine Attorney General not to cover giving immunizations, and thus, further parental permission is required.
2. Insert a section in the health form to capture the reason the guardian declined immunization; include a waiver form.
3. The American Academy of Pediatrics updates its recommended immunization schedule every January. Make it a point to review that information annually at www.aap.org. Maine's Immunization Program mirrors this schedule.
4. If your camp has international campers and/or staff, review CDC's international health updates to determine what illnesses may be endemic to the home country of your campers/staff. That website is www.CDC.gov.

Reminder:

There are two requirements for reporting diseases and injuries:

1. Health Care providers (including your camp health team) are REQUIRED to report certain conditions and diseases immediately or within 48 hours of recognition (*Notifiable Conditions List*). Mumps and other childhood diseases are on this list. A copy is attached and can be downloaded at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/epi/disease-reporting/notifiable-list.doc>
2. Reportable Conditions Report REQUIRED by the Maine Health Inspection Program for food borne disease outbreaks, broken bones, animal bites & other injuries.

American Camp Association Immunization record

Please give all dates of immunization for:

Which of the following has the participant had?	Vaccine:	Dates:	Mo/Yr	Mo/Yr	Mo/Yr	Mo/Yr	Mo/Yr	Mo/ Yr
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	DTP		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken pox								_____
<input type="checkbox"/> German measles	TD (tetanus/diphtheria)		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps								_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A	Tetanus		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B								_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C	Polio		_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	MMR		_____	_____				
TB Mantoux Test	Or Measles		_____	_____				
Date of last test	Or Mumps		_____	_____				
	Or Rubella		_____	_____				
Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/>	Haemophilus influenza B		_____	_____	_____	_____		
Negative	Hepatitis B		_____	_____	_____			
	Hepatitis A		_____	_____				
	Varicella (chicken pox)		_____	_____				