



## General Guidelines for Healthcare Workers (HCWs) “Titers versus vaccinating when *unable* to provide a valid medical record”

**MMR** - Either obtaining a titer or vaccinating is acceptable. However, it may be more cost effective to vaccinate, rather than to do a titer.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6204a1.htm>

**Hepatitis A** - *Do not* do a titer. If deemed high risk for exposure, vaccinate.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6007.pdf>

**Hepatitis B** - *Do not* do a titer if it is more than 2 months out from a reported series completion. For someone without a documented history of vaccination, give the three-dose series, rather than just a single booster. Testing of people (even HCWs) who have a documented history of vaccination, isn't recommended. If a person is tested months or years after vaccination and it comes up negative, then the CDC recommends the booster + retest recommendation.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2109.pdf>

**Varicella** - If person has a history of *disease*, you *may* do a titer.

If there is *no history* of disease, you can either:

- 1) **for a titer** - call CDC and send in a sample and CDC's VZV lab can use a more sensitive test; or,
- 2) vaccinate

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6007.pdf>

**Polio** - *Do not* do a titer (titer would have to be done for all 3 strains and are difficult to interpret). Vaccination is only recommend for HCWs at risk of exposure. An adult at risk, with no documentation of vaccination should get a 3-dose series.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6007.pdf>

**Tdap** - *Do not* do a titer, vaccinate.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6007.pdf>

# VACCINE FUN FACT

One dose of varicella vaccine is effective in preventing varicella disease in 90% of children and in 97% of children after receiving the second dose.

## Important Reminders

### IMMPACT

When entering monthly temperature logs, please remember to enter temperatures up to the current date and click on the 'SAVE & SUBMIT' button, in order for your last approval date to be current.

(We recommend that you **submit** your temperatures as often as you can, rather than only monthly.)

### State Supplied Influenza Vaccine

The Maine Immunization Program is now offering the flu vaccine free to all Mainers. The vaccine — both in a shot and a nasal spray — is available through participating doctors' offices. Patients should ask their doctors whether they participate in the Maine Immunization Program.

Although the vaccine is free, doctors may still charge an administration fee of up to \$21.58. However, patients cannot be denied the flu shot because they can't afford the fee.

Due to funding source restrictions, the vaccine listed below can only be given to certain age groups.

**Please use the following as guidelines:**

Trade Name	Presentations	MIP allowable age group use due to funding
Fluarix (QUAD)	0.5 ml in a pre-filled syringe	3 years through 18 years only
Flu-Mist (LAIV4)	0.2 ml (single use spray)	2 years through 18 years only
Fluzone (TIV)	0.25 ml (single dose syringe)	6 months through 35 months only
Fluzone (TIV)	0.5 mL (single dose syringe)	Children greater than 36 months and pregnant women
Fluzone (TIV)	5.0 mL (multi-dose vial)	All Adults

If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at:  
Phone (207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Forty-eight (48) practices have achieved an up-to-date (UTD) rate of **at least 90%** for the 2014 first quarter assessment of children 24-35 months of age in their practice following the 4DTaP, 3Polio, 1MMR, 3 HIB, 3 HepB, 1 Var, 4PCV immunization series. That speaks highly of how well office staff have worked together to reach this goal. Congratulations on your continued efforts to increase immunization coverage in the State of Maine!

Provider Name	UTD Rate	Provider Name	UTD Rate
ACADIA FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	100%	RANGELEY FAMILY MEDICINE	100%
ASHLAND HEALTH CENTER	100%	REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	100%
BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	100%	SCOTT M CHASE DO	100%
BREWER HEALTH CENTER	100%	SEARSPORT HEALTH CENTER	100%
COLD STREAM HEALTH CENTER	100%	SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS-DEXTER	100%
DFD RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-MONMOUTH	100%	SMMC PRIME CARE FAMILY PRACTICE	100%
DFD RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER-LEEDS	100%	ST JOHN VALLEY HEALTH CENTER	100%
D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER – TURNER	100%	TWIN CITY FAMILY PRACTICE	100%
FAMILY PRACTICE & INTERNAL MEDICINE	100%	SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS-DOVER	94%
FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH – EAGLE LAKE	100%	CALAIS REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES	93%
GRAY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	100%	DOWNEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-PEDS	93%
HAMLIN PRIMARY CARE/BEN FISKE HLTH	100%	WINTHROP PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT MEDICINE	93%
HARRINGTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	100%	FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH-FORT KENT	92%
HERMON FAMILY MEDICINE	100%	MARTINS POINT HEALTH CARE-FARLEY	92%
HORIZONS HEALTH SERVICES	100%	MEDICAL PARTNERS – FAMILY MEDICINE	92%
JUDY L WELCH MD	100%	OAKLAND FAMILY MEDICINE	92%
KNAPP FAMILY PRACTICE	100%	BRIDGTON PEDIATRICS	91%
MAINE CENTERS FOR HEALTHCARE-BUXTON	100%	HOULTON PEDIATRICS	91%
MARS HILL HEALTH CENTER	100%	KENNEBEC PEDIATRICS	91%
MASSABESIC FAMILY PRACTICE	100%	WATERVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE PA	91%
MILBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER	100%	AROOSTOOK PEDIATRICS	90%
NEW HORIZONS MADISON	100%	FAMILY MEDICINE INSTITUTE	90%
NEW HORIZONS NORTH ANSON	100%	PINES PEDIATRIC	90%
PASSAMAQUODDY HEALTH CENTER	100%	WESTERN MAINE PEDIATRICS	90%

Successful immunization of clients involves the participation of everyone in the provider office. Quarterly, MIP will continue to acknowledge practices identified with **90% or greater** UTD rates. Congratulations again for all your hard work!



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