

# MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE NOVEMBER 2015



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## Did you remember to calibrate your data loggers? Sign up to receive automatic reminders

Data loggers and other approved temperature monitoring devices must have current dates of calibration in order to meet CDC requirements. A designated person should be in charge of ensuring that this step has been taken.

We understand that provider sites are busy and remembering to calibrate thermometers is often a step that is forgotten. By sending the following information to Control Solutions, you will receive automatic NIST re-certification notifications.



1. State/Certificate Name
2. Company Name
3. Contact & Email information
4. Phone Number
5. Logger ID number (found on calibration sticker)

Email information to:  
[sales@vfcdataloggers.com](mailto:sales@vfcdataloggers.com)

## A Penny for Your Thoughts

Let us know how we're doing by completing this short satisfaction survey. We're always looking to improve our program. Please help us to help you.



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## DTaP, Tdap and Td Catch-up Schedule

Getting a child who has fallen behind on immunizations caught up with vaccination requirements can be a challenging.

Children age 7 years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. For these children, an additional adolescent Tdap should **not** be given. A series of three Td-containing vaccines should be given to complete a catch-up series. Below are examples of different scenarios that may arise in your practice:

**Example # 1:** An 8-year-old has only received one dose of DTaP. To complete their series they will need:

One dose of Tdap



Four weeks



One dose of Td



(One dose of Td every ten years thereafter)

**Example # 2:** A 10-year-old has never been immunized, but mom decides to start now. To be fully protected and in compliance with school requirements, they will need:

One dose of Tdap



Four weeks



One dose of Td



Six months



One dose of Td



(One dose of Td every ten years thereafter)

Please go to the link below for a table that summarizes the recommendations of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the use of DTaP, Tdap, and Td in children, adolescents, and adults who are unvaccinated or who have fallen behind:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2055.pdf>

Also visit the following link for the Catch-up Immunization Schedule for all vaccinations:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/catchup-schedule-pr.pdf>

## AFIX Corner

**Do you routinely measure your clinic's pediatric/adolescent immunization coverage levels and share the results with your staff?**

If you currently measure immunization rates on a routine basis, congratulations. This is a great first step.

Raising staff awareness of coverage levels confirms efforts are working and points to where more can be emphasized, such as specific ages and vaccines.

**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)**

