

**05-071 CODE OF MAINE RULES
CHAPTER 126 (Department of Education) and
10-144 CODE OF MAINE RULES
CHAPTER 261 (Department of Health and Human Services and
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS

B. Medical Exemptions

The following are medical contraindications for which medical exemptions may be certified by a physician for immunizations required by 20-A M.R.S. §§ 6352-6359:

Pertussis vaccine

- 1) fever greater than or equal to 40.5 C (105 F); collapse or shock-like state (hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode), or persistent, inconsolable crying lasting three or more hours within 48 hours of receiving a prior dose of the pertussis vaccine;
- 2) seizures occurring within three days of receiving a prior dose of pertussis vaccine;
- 3) encephalopathy within seven days of administration of a previous dose of pertussis vaccine; or
- 4) anaphylactic reaction to pertussis vaccine or a vaccine constituent.

Diphtheria or tetanus toxoids:

- 1) anaphylactic reaction to diphtheria or tetanus toxoids or a toxoid constituent.

Measles or mumps vaccine:

- 1) pregnancy;
- 2) known altered immunodeficiency (hematologic and solid tumors; congenital immunodeficiency; and long-term immunosuppressive therapy);
- 3) anaphylactic reactions to egg ingestion or to neomycin;
- 4) anaphylactic reaction to measles or mumps vaccine or a vaccine constituent.

Rubella vaccine:

- 1) pregnancy;
- 2) known altered immunodeficiency (hematologic and solid tumors: congenital immunodeficiency; and long-term immunosuppressive therapy);
- 3) anaphylactic reactions to neomycin;
- 4) anaphylactic reaction to rubella vaccine or a vaccine constituent.

Live polio vaccine:

- 1) known altered immunodeficiency (hematologic and solid tumors; congenital immunodeficiency; long-term immunosuppressive therapy); other immunodeficient condition;
- 2) immunodeficient household contact;
- 3) anaphylactic reaction to polio vaccine or a vaccine constituent.

or

Inactivated polio vaccine:

- 1) anaphylactic reactions to neomycin or streptomycin;
- 2) anaphylactic reaction to polio vaccine or a vaccine constituent.

Varicella:

- 1) pregnancy;
- 2) immunosuppression;
- 3) anaphylactic reaction to a vaccine component;
- 4) recent recipient of antibody-containing blood product.

Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine:

- 1) pregnancy; or
- 2) anaphylactic reaction to meningococcal vaccine or a vaccine constituent.