

University Health Service, University of Rochester
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

New York State Public Health Law #2165 requires that all full-time and part-time (enrolled for at least six, but less than 12 semester hours, or four quarter hours per quarter) students born on or after January 1, 1957 attending a college or university in New York State must provide the following immunization information:

New York State Requirements for both FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS

Measles (Rubeola): A student must demonstrate receipt of two doses of live measles vaccine¹ through one of the following ways:

- The first dose given on or after the student's first birthday and the second on or after 15 months of age and at least 30 days after the first dose, OR
- Serological evidence of immunity through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory, OR
- Statement from the diagnosing physician that the student has had measles disease, OR
- Proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within 10 years from the date of application to the institution. The proof of honorable discharge shall qualify as a certificate enabling the student to attend the institution pending actual receipt of immunization records from the armed services.

Mumps: The student must submit evidence of a single dose of live mumps vaccine² through one of the following:

- Single dose of live mumps vaccine given on or after the first birthday, OR
- Serological evidence of mumps immunity through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory, OR
- Statement from the diagnosing physician that the student has had mumps disease, OR
- Proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within 10 years from the date of application to the institution.

Rubella: The student must submit evidence of a single dose of live rubella virus vaccine² through one of the following:

- Single dose of live rubella virus vaccine given on or after the first birthday, OR
- Serological evidence of rubella antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory, OR
- Proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within 10 years from the date of application to the institution.

Meningococcus: At this time, Meningococcus Vaccination is not required. However colleges and universities are now required by New York State law to distribute information about meningococcal meningitis (also called meningococcal disease) and vaccine availability to students. You are asked to indicate receipt of this information on the Health History Form and document vaccination date, if already received.

University of Rochester Requirements for FULL-TIME STUDENTS:

Tetanus/Diphtheria: The student must have received Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td), OR Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination within 9 years prior to entering the University.

Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD): Required of students who have arrived in the United States within the past 5 years from countries where tuberculosis is endemic – all countries in Africa, the Eastern & Western Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Russia and Southeast Asia.

All immunization dates, history of disease, and serological evidence must be verified by the signature of a health practitioner; or as an immunization record submitted by a doctor's office, an institution, or school previously attended by the student. The signature of the certifying physician or school official must appear on the form. New York State law mandates that students not in compliance with the requirements 30-45 days after the start of classes are to be withdrawn from school and required to leave campus.

NYS law provides that an exemption may be granted upon receipt of either "a written, signed statement that the student has sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibit immunization" or "a written statement from a physician or nurse practitioner specifying the immunizations which may be detrimental to the student's health (or otherwise medically contraindicated) and the length of time they may be detrimental." In case of an outbreak, students who have been granted exemption from immunizations will be treated as susceptible and must either be immunized or barred from campus.

MMR (measles/mumps/rubella) vaccine may be used to satisfy a single dose of measles/mumps/ rubella.¹ Students born prior to January 1, 1957 need not provide proof of immunity for measles, mumps, and rubella; however, we ask that if they recall having had measles, mumps, or rubella to please note that on their form.

¹ The law specifies that only *live* virus measles vaccine is acceptable. Both inactivated and live virus measles vaccine was licensed in 1963. The inactivated (killed) vaccine was withdrawn in 1967. Measles immunizations given after January 1, 1968, constitute acceptable doses of vaccine since all measles vaccine given after that time was live virus vaccine. Immunizations given before 1968 technically meet legal requirements if the medical record clearly indicates that the vaccine was *live* virus vaccine.

² The law specifies that only *live* mumps and *live* rubella vaccine are acceptable. Mumps and rubella immunizations given after January 1, 1969 constitute acceptable doses of vaccine since all mumps and rubella vaccine given after that time was *live* virus vaccine.