

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY TITLE: IMMUNIZATION POLICY
EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL TERM 2018

POLICY

This policy requires the immunization of all incoming full-time and part-time students against Varicella (Chicken Pox), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, as a condition of attendance at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

CHICKEN POX (VARICELLA)

Two doses of varicella-containing vaccine at least 12 weeks apart if vaccinated between 1 and 12 years of age and at least 4 weeks apart if vaccinated at age 13 year or older.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE PROOF OF IMMUNITY FOR VARICELLA:

- 1) A history of varicella immunity proven by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to varicella satisfies the requirement.
- 2) A physician diagnosis of prior varicella disease history indicated by a written record signed by the physician or his designee.

MMR VACCINATION

In lieu of the individual vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella, two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccination at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age also satisfies the University immunization requirement.

MEASLES (RUBEOLA)

All entering students born after 1956 must have two doses of live measles vaccine: the first dose administered at 12 months of age or older; the second dose administered at least one month after the initial dose.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE PROOF OF IMMUNITY FOR MEASLES:

- 1) A history of measles immunity proven by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to measles satisfies this requirement.

MUMPS

One dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE PROOF OF IMMUNITY FOR MUMPS:

- 1) A history of mumps immunity proven by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to mumps satisfies this requirement.

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- 2) A physician diagnosis of prior mumps disease history indicated by a written record signed by the physician or his designee.

RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)

One dose of live attenuated rubella vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE PROOF OF IMMUNITY FOR RUBELLA:

- 1) A history of rubella immunity proven by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to rubella satisfies this requirement.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN CAMPUS HOUSING:

MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (MCV4) also known as Menveo, Menactra.

One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) administered at age 16 or older. Pennsylvania law requires all students living in University housing to certify that the student has been immunized against meningococcal disease, OR to sign a waiver declining the vaccine.

Proof of Immunization

All incoming full-time and part-time students must provide documentation of immunization to the Student Health Services office which includes the month, day and year that the immunization was administered. Proof of immunization must also include a health provider's stamp or signature to verify immunization. Completed immunization forms must be kept on file in the Student Health Services Office.

Exemption from Immunization

Exemption to any of the immunization requirements can be granted to students who provide the following:

- a. Medical Risk to the Student. A note or letter signed by a licensed physician must be provided stating that for medical reasons the student should not or need not receive a vaccine, OR

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- b. Religious Objection. A statement signed by the student or by the parent/guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age, must be provided indicating that the immunization(s) is against his or her religious beliefs, OR
- c. Philosophical Objection. A statement signed by the student or by the parent/guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age, must be provided indicating that the immunization(s) is against his or her philosophical or strong moral or ethical conviction.
- d. Medical Risk to an Unborn Fetus. Female students may be granted temporary exemption from immunization against varicella, measles, mumps, and rubella if a suspected pregnancy is certified by a physician's written statement.

However, if an outbreak of Measles, Mumps, Rubella or Varicella occurs on or near the University campus, the State Health Department or University authorities may exclude students from classes who do not provide proof of immunity to these diseases.

Failure to Comply

Incoming students who, after receipt of notification by the University that their immunization records are incomplete, fail to provide proof of immunization or written request for exemption as described above, will be prohibited from registering for any classes beyond the term following initial enrollment.