

NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

All students attending New York State colleges and universities, whose birth date is on or after January 1, 1957, are required to show proof of immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella.

NYS Requirements (www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/immunization) - Proof of immunity/documentation:

Measles:

- A student must demonstrate receipt of two doses of live measles vaccine: 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. The recommended interval for college students in the process of receiving their first and second dose of measles is three months. The second dose may be given as early as 30 days after the first dose, but not sooner than 30 days; or
- The student must submit serological evidence of immunity. This means the demonstration of measles antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory; or
- The student must submit a statement from the diagnosing physician that the student has had measles disease; or
- The student must present 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 a student to attend the institution pending actual receipt of immunization records from the armed services.

If a student is unable to access his/her immunization record from the medical provider or previous school, documentation that proves the student attended primary or secondary school in the United States after 1980 will be sufficient proof that the student received one dose of live measles vaccine. If this option is used, the second dose of measles vaccine must have been administered within one year of attendance at the post-secondary institution.

Mumps:

- evidence of a single dose of live mumps vaccine given on or after the first birthday; or
- serological evidence of immunity; or
- a statement from the diagnosing physician that the student has had mumps disease; or
- submit proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within 10 years from the date of application to the institution.

Rubella:

- A student must demonstrate receipt of a single dose of live rubella virus vaccine given on or after the first birthday; or
- A student must submit serological evidence of rubella antibodies; or
- A student must submit proof of honorable discharge from the armed services within 10 years from the date of application to the institution.

Union Campus Requirement:

- Tuberculosis – Required within 1 year

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS INFORMATION:

- *Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death.*
- *Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age (the age of most college students) have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease.*
- *A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States –types A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases among college students.*
- *Area providers have the meningococcal vaccine available. At the time the vaccine is administered a receipt is given so that you may submit the cost to your insurance company. You are advised to talk to your insurance company regarding their requirements for reimbursement.*

TUBERCULOSIS – A listing of area providers is available.

Waivers: Students whose religious beliefs prohibit immunization or for whom these immunizations would be detrimental to their health may request a waiver. All requests for waivers must be submitted in writing to our office.

Submission of form: The form on the other side of this page must be submitted to the Registrar's office at Union Graduate College in Lamont House, preferably at the time of initial admission/registration. A copy of your doctor's or previous school's record may be used but should be attached to our form and provide all required information. If you are **taking more than 1.5 courses this form is REQUIRED within 30 days of initial registration.**