

IMMUNIZATION FORM – Part 2

New York State PHL 2165

New York State Public Health Law 2165 requires college students planning to enroll in a college in NY State to show proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella. Students born prior to January 1, 1957 are exempt from this requirement. Persons for whom the immunizations might be detrimental or contrary to their religious beliefs must show documentation to that effect.

Measles

- The student must submit proof of two doses of live measles vaccine: the first dose given no more than 4 days prior to the student's first birthday and the second at least 28 days after the first dose; **or**
- The student must submit serological proof of immunity to measles. 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, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that the student has had measles disease; **or**
- The student must submit 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; **or**
- If a student is unable to access his/her immunization record from a health care 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 a post-secondary institution.

Mumps

- The student must submit proof of one dose of live mumps vaccine given no more than 4 days prior to the student's first birthday; **or**
- The student must submit serological proof of immunity to mumps. This means the demonstration of mumps antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory; **or**
- The student must submit a statement from the diagnosing physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that the student has had mumps disease; **or**
- The student must submit 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.

Rubella

- The student must submit proof of one dose of live rubella vaccine given no more than 4 days prior to the student's first birthday; **or**
- The student must submit serological proof of immunity to rubella. This means the demonstration of rubella antibodies through a blood test performed by an approved medical laboratory (Since rubella rashes resemble rashes of other diseases, it is impossible to diagnose reliably on clinical grounds alone. Serological evidence is the only permissible alternative to immunization.); **or**
- The student must submit 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.

OR MMR (Combined Live Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Immunization)

- The student must submit proof of one dose no more than 4 days prior to the student's first birthday. The second dose a minimum of 28 days after the first dose.

Students are encouraged to complete the immunization procedures and requirements prior to registration. Please complete the Immunization Form – Part 1, providing proof of immunization, and return it to NYSID. Please note that according to NYS Public Health Law, no institutions shall permit any student to attend the institution in excess of 30 days without complying with this law. The 30-day period may be extended to 45 days if a student can show a good faith effort to comply. Immunizations can be obtained from private physicians or from the NY City Department of Health. For locations, please visit

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/imm/immclin.shtml>

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New York State PHL 2167

New York State Public Health Law 2167 requires post-secondary institutions to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination to the students, or parents or guardians of students under the age of 18. The institution is required to maintain a record of the following for each student:

- Certificate of Immunization for meningococcal meningitis disease; **or**
- A response to receipt of meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine information signed by the student or the student's parent or guardian; **AND, EITHER**
- Self reported or parent recall of meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 10 years; **or**
- An acknowledgement of meningococcal disease risks and refusal of meningococcal meningitis immunization signed by the student or student's parent or guardian.

Information about Meningococcal Meningitis

Meningococcal meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningococcal 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.

The vaccine Menactra™ is 85% to 100% effective in preventing the four types of meningococcal disease (types A, C, Y, W-135). These four types cause about 70% of the disease in the United States. Because the vaccine does not include type B, which accounts for about one-third of cases in adolescents, it does not prevent all cases of meningococcal disease. [Note: If you (your child) received the meningococcal vaccine available before February 2005, called Menomune™, please note this vaccine's protection lasts for approximately 3 to 5 years. Revaccination with the new conjugate vaccine, called Menactra™, should be considered within 3 to 5 years after receiving Menomune™.]

Please complete Immunization Form – Part 1, which includes the Meningococcal Meningitis Response Form and return it to NYSID. Please note that according to NYS Public Health Law, no institutions shall permit any student to attend the institution in excess of 30 days without complying with this law. The 30-day period may be extended to 60 days if a student can show a good faith effort to comply.

To learn more about meningitis and the vaccine please consult with your (or your child's) physician. You can also find information about the disease at the New York State Department of Health website: www.nyhealth.gov; website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/faqs.htm; and the American College Health Association (ACHA) website: www.acha.org.