

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY TITLE: STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL TERM 2018

LAST REVIEWED: AUGUST 30, 2023

POLICY

This policy requires the immunization of all incoming full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate/professional 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/MMRV VACCINATION

In lieu of the individual vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella, 2 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. A history of measles immunity proved by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to measles also satisfies this requirement.

MUMPS

One dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older, or a physician diagnosis of mumps disease indicated by a written record signed by the physician or his designee. A history of mumps immunity proved by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to measles also satisfies this requirement.

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RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)

One dose of live attenuated rubella vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older. A history of rubella immunity proven by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to rubella satisfies this requirement.

MENINGITIS 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 undergraduate and graduate/professional 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 MMR and/or Varicella can be granted to students who provide the following:

- a. A Medical Exemption may be granted with a written signed statement from a licensed physician that the immunization may be detrimental to the health of the student.
- b. A Religious Exemption may be granted based on a student's written objection to the immunization on religious grounds. If the student is less and 18 years of age, the statement must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- c. A Moral/Ethical Exemption may be granted based on a student's written and signed objection to the immunization on the basis of a moral or ethical conviction. If the student is less than 18 years of age, the statement must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- 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.

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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.

References: University of Pittsburgh Student Immunizations Policy at:

https://www.policy.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Policies/Academic/Policy_AC_61.pdf

The preceding policy shall remain in effect for all patients of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Office of Health Services until rescinded or until **September 30, 2024**.

Named Medical Director - Dr. Jakub Wojcik

Medical Director's signature _____ Date _____