

New York State Requirements for Attendance- Immunizations

New York State Public Health Law 2165 passed in June 1989 requires post-secondary students to demonstrate proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella. The law applies to students born on or after January 1, 1957. Proof must be on file in the Registrar's Office before entering the residence hall or starting enrollment for the 2008–2009 academic year. Students without the proper immunity papers on file will not be allowed to attend or register for classes or enter a residence hall until immunization documents are received and approved by the Registrar. Students are encouraged to receive these vaccinations as well as a meningitis vaccination prior to their arrival. See the Admission Office for vaccination locations in New York.

Measles: Students must submit proof of immunity to measles. One of the following is required:

- 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.

Mumps: Students must submit proof of immunity to mumps. One of the following is required:

- 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.

Rubella: Students must submit proof of immunity to rubella. One of the following is required:

- 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.

Meningococcal Disease: 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.