

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

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ADMINISTRATION

Title: IMMUNIZATIONS

Purpose: 1. To comply with Louisiana State law.
2. To reduce the threat of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases on the LSU campus.

Policy:

1. Louisiana law, R.S. 17:170 / Schools of Higher Learning, requires that all first-time LSU students born on or after January 1, 1957, and re-entering students who have been out of school one semester or longer and were born on or after January 1, 1957, to provide proof of immunization for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Tetanus-Diphtheria. Requirements are as follows:
 - A. Measles (Rubeola): Two doses of live vaccine required. The first dose must have been given after the first birthday, in 1968 or later, and without Immune Globulin. A second dose must meet the same requirements, but should not have been given within 30 days of the first dose.
 - B. Rubella: At least one dose required.
 - C. Mumps: At least one dose required.
 - D. Tetanus-Diphtheria: A booster dose of vaccine given within the past 10 years is required provided the student previously completed the primary series.
 - E. Meningitis: One dose of Menactra anytime or a dose of Menomune within the past year.
2. The enclosed Proof of Immunization Compliance form is mailed in the Admission Packet or included in the online checklist of each incoming or re-entering student. It is the student's responsibility to have the form completed by a health care provider and return it to the Student Health Center in a timely manner.
3. History of physician diagnosed above illnesses is acceptable documentation. However, this should be done with caution unless the physician who completes the Immunization Compliance form was the diagnosing physician.

4. Serologic testing is acceptable but should not be routinely performed unless the patient specifically requests it. For practical purposes, immunization is preferable to serologic testing because of the relative costs and time.
5. No attachments are accepted. The immunizations must be submitted on the LSU Proof of Immunization Compliance Form. The only exception to this is the “State of Louisiana Universal Certificate of Immunizations”.
6. Immunizations are entered in the Computerized Management System as completed compliance forms are received.
7. Students who submit incomplete forms are sent a letter informing them that they are not in compliance and what immunizations are needed to reach compliance.
8. In some circumstances, students may sign an *exemption* for medical or personnel reasons. This reveals “compliance” with the immunization requirements for payment of fees purposes only, but not compliance with the policy. Therefore, they may be excluded from campus and classes should an outbreak of measles, mumps or rubella occur until the outbreak is controlled or they submit proof of the immunizations.
9. Students are not eligible to pay University fees until all immunization records are in compliance or the exemption is signed.
10. Completed Immunization Compliance forms are maintained in Medical Records once they are entered in the computer.