

## Immunization Compliance Policy

In compliance with recommendations from the American College Health Association and in an effort to protect the health and well-being of students, Ottawa University requires the following:

- All newly enrolled (or readmitted) students born on or after 1957 must show proof of two vaccinations for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).
- All newly enrolled students living in university housing must show proof of the meningitis vaccine (16 years of age and older) or a meningitis vaccine (prior to age 16) and a vaccine booster.
- International students and/or any student identified as high risk must have a tuberculosis (TB) skin test within three months prior to the start of courses or proof with a negative chest X-ray. Results from outside the United States cannot be accepted. Please be aware the student may be asked to complete subsequent screening and/or treatment and failure to do so will be considered a violation of this policy.

Reference <http://cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html> to review the information regarding recommendations, including schedules, indications, precautions and contradictions for immunizations provided by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Students must have their health history form and immunization records completed and on file prior to moving in to campus housing. Failure to provide immunization documentation by the move-in date will result in a \$50 fine. If documentation is not received by the first day of class \$150 fine will be assessed. If documentation is not received by August 31 (fall semester) or January 31 (spring semester) the student may be dis-enrolled from courses with no refund.

### Exemptions

#### Medical

If you have a medical condition, including pregnancy, which prohibits you from completing any of the requirements, you may submit an EXEMPTION request. If such condition is temporary, follow-up arrangements will be made. Medical exemptions must include a statement completed by your licensed medical provider (MD, DO, APRN, PA, RN).

#### Good Cause/Religious/Philosophical/Moral Conviction

If you object to one (1) or more of the requirements, based upon good cause, religious, philosophical, or moral convictions, you may submit an EXEMPTION request. The exemption must state the reason.

All EXEMPTION requests must be submitted to the Student Health Center medical staff and/or their designee. Any student requesting a nonmedical exemption to required vaccines will be encouraged to receive counsel by a health service clinician and may be excluded from school during outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Exemptions are subject to review each semester by authorized Ottawa University staff.

To retrieve and complete a copy of the exemption form, please make your request in the Office of Student Affairs.

Submit all health forms, immunization records and exemption forms to the Office of Student Affairs, located in the Administration Building-Room 201. If you would prefer to submit documents via fax, please send to 785-229-1017. Faxing the exemption form is not considered a confidential form of submission. Questions and/or concerns about the immunization policy can be directed to Donna Washington at 785-248-2317.

<b>REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:</b>	<b>Required Dosage &amp; Screening Information</b>
<b><i>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)</i></b>  (For ALL students)	Two (2) doses after 1st birthday (if born on or after 1957)
<b><i>Meningoccal Meningitis</i></b>  (For students living in University Housing)	One (1) dose on or after age 16 for students who are  ages 21 or younger OR a booster vaccination 16 years of age or  after if an initial vaccination was administered