

## INOCULATION GUIDELINES

Please complete the following information:

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### PURPOSE

To provide a clear statement of MU's inoculation requirements on-line

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all incoming students

### GUIDELINES

#### **Student Immunization and Health Evaluation Form Guidelines**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health (DOH), Division of Immunizations, recommends that all colleges and universities in Pennsylvania adopt policies requiring, at a minimum, the following immunizations for all newly entering and transfer students.

Related to and in support of these recommendations and requirements, the following information is required:

#### **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:**

- **Meningococcal:** All students that are residing in college or university-owned housing are required to have at least one dose of the meningococcal vaccine or a signed waiver declining the vaccine after being given literature on the vaccine and the disease.
- **Special Programs:** Some academic programs have additional requirements for vaccinations prior to field study/work (Nursing, Health Sciences, Education). Students enrolled in these programs should receive details of these requirements from these departments which will assure compliance.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Health Evaluation Report:**

A form incorporating each entering student's immunization data will be mailed or made electronically available to each student with your acceptance letter. It is necessary to complete the form and return it as directed. This immunization record will become a part of each student's health history file. This information will be valuable in the case of an outbreak in which non-immune students may be denied access to affected areas of the campus.

This record will be provided to the Mansfield University Wellness Center/Clinic to assist medical staff in providing care while enrolled.

Once the student leaves the University the form will be properly disposed of to protect patient confidentiality.

## **OTHER HELPFUL MEDICAL INFORMATION**

There is always the risk of communicable disease on a campus, and specific diseases may impact the students who reside in campus student housing. Operating under the premise that "prevention through immunization" is identified as a "Best Practice" through the PA DOH, the University has made the following recommendations for student immunizations for all incoming students.

## **OTHER PA DOH RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS:**

- **Measles (Rubeola):** Students born after 1956 should have one dose of measles vaccine, or documentation of immunity. Laboratory evidence of measles immunity is acceptable. MMR vaccine is preferable; however, MR (which is not available in the U.S. but used in other countries) or single antigen measles vaccine is acceptable. Students who have no documentation of live measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination or other documentation of immunity should be admitted to classes only after receiving a first dose of MMR. A second dose of MMR should be administered no earlier than 28 days after receipt of first dose.

Note: Students born before 1957 without other evidence of immunity should receive one dose of MMR vaccine if not in an outbreak setting and two doses if in an outbreak.

- **Mumps:** Documentation of adequate vaccination of two doses of live mumps virus vaccine. Mumps vaccine is included in the MMR vaccine.

Note: Students born before 1957 can be considered immune to mumps.

- **Rubella (German Measles):** Students born after 1956 should have at least one dose of rubella vaccine given on or after the first birthday, or laboratory evidence of immunity. MMR, MR, or single antigen rubella vaccine is acceptable.
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria:** Completion of the primary series of DPT, DT, or Td, and a booster dose of Td given every ten years.

**OR**

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap):** Given as a one-time vaccination in place of a Td booster.

- **Hepatitis B:** Begun or have completed the hepatitis B vaccine series (3 doses). Laboratory evidence of hepatitis B immunity is acceptable.
- **Varicella:** Two properly spaced doses of varicella vaccine, laboratory evidence of immunity, or reliable history of varicella.

**DISTRIBUTION**

The Inoculation Guideline will be posted on the Residence Life web page and referenced by Admissions in communication to perspective students as pertains to their specific situation.