

## STUDENT HEALTH IMMUNIZATION RECORD

**INTRODUCTION & DIRECTIONS:**

New Jersey State Law (**N.J.A.C. 8:57- 6.1 to 6.21**) requires all college students to submit evidence of vaccination to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps (Parotitis), German Measles (Rubella) and Hepatitis B. To be in compliance with the immunization regulations you have three (3) options:

1. Have your physician or clinic complete the immunization information in Section A documenting the following immunizations; Measles (2 doses), Mumps, Rubella (1 dose each) and three 3 doses of a Hepatitis B containing vaccine or return a photocopy of your previously completed immunization records. If Section A is not completed, and previous records are not supplied:
2. Claim an application exemption in Section B (side 2). If unable to claim an exemption:
3. All students must be immunized for Measles (2 doses), Mumps and Rubella (1 dose each). Full-time students taking 12 or more credits must be immunized for Hepatitis B (3 doses). Have a physician / clinic complete Section A.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** (please complete fully)

LAST	FIRST	M.I.
XXX-XX-		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [last 4 digits only]	DATE OF BIRTH [XX / XX / XXXX]	GENDER
PERMANENT ADDRESS		
STREET	CITY	STATE    ZIP
MAILING ADDRESS		
STREET	CITY	STATE    ZIP
(    )	(    )	(    )
HOME TELEPHONE:	WORK TELEPHONE	CELLULAR TELEPHONE

**SECTION A - CERTIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION**

This section must be completed by a physician or health care provider or attach a copy of your records

Measles	(2 Doses)	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
Mumps	(1 Dose)	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
Rubella	(1 Dose)	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
MMR		1. _____	2. _____	3. _____

**ALL IMMUNIZATIONS ABOVE MUST HAVE BEEN GIVEN AFTER YOUR FIRST BIRTHDAY AND AFTER 1968 TO BE VALID**

Hepatitis B (3 Doses)	(Full-time students only)	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
Signature and/or Office Stamp		Date		_____
Physician, Public Health Official, School Nurse				

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION B – EXEMPTIONS**

If you have not completed Section A and are unable to locate your immunization records, you may opt to claim one of the following exemptions where applicable.

### § 8:57-6.4 Exemptions

(a) A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements for medical or religious reasons, provided that he or she meets the criteria as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8.57-6.14 and 6.15, respectively.

(b) In addition, an institution may make an exemption for the following categories of students:

1. Students born before 1957 for the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination requirements only; or
2. Students enrolled in a program for which students do not congregate, on campus or in an off-campus facility, whether for classes or to participate in institution-sponsored events, such as those enrolled in programs for individualized home study or conducted entirely via electronic media.

### **Age Exemption**

Born prior to January 1, 1957 **for MMR only**

Attach copy of birth certificate

### **Religious Exemption \*(N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.15)**

Attach letter from accredited Religious leader in your church or religious group

### **Medical Exemption \* (N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.14)**

(Must be reviewed annually to determine continuation of exemption)

Physician's statement explaining why you cannot be immunized at this time is required. Statement must include diagnosis. If pregnant, indicate you due date.

### **Immune Status (Measles, Mumps antibody & Rubella titers)**

Laboratory blood results showing that you are immune are required.

\* Please note that students claiming the religious or medical exemption may be prohibited from attending classes and/or college activities in case of an outbreak or at the discretion of the Department of Health.

If you have not claimed an exemption in Section B, and are unable to provide your previous immunization records, you must be currently immunized for Measles (2 doses), Mumps, & Rubella (1 dose) and Hepatitis B (3 doses). (Hepatitis B immunization is only required for full time students taking 12 credits or more). Make sure to return the required proof stated for the chosen exemption to the Office of Admissions.

**READ AND SIGN THE NEXT PAGE**

**READ AND SIGN:**

Meningococcal disease can refer to any illness caused by the type of bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*, also known as meningococcus [muh-ning-goh-KOK-us]. These illnesses are often severe and can be deadly. They include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia).

These bacteria spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions like spit (e.g., by living in close quarters, kissing). Doctors treat meningococcal disease with antibiotics, but quick medical attention is extremely important. Keeping up to date with recommended vaccines is the best defense against meningococcal disease. For more information see <https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/index.htm>

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND I KNOW WHERE I CAN GO TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED IMMUNIZATION RECORD PROMPTLY TO:

SEND TO [admissions@nbts.edu](mailto:admissions@nbts.edu), OR FAX TO 732-545-0802

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SUBCHAPTER 6. HIGHER EDUCATION IMMUNIZATION

**§ 8:57-6.3 Definitions**

The following words and terms, as used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"ACIP" means the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices for the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Advanced practice nurse" means a nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist.

"Campus dormitory" means a dormitory, residence hall, student housing, or a comparable congregate living arrangement owned, operated or contracted by the institution.

"Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a two- or four-year college or university that grants academic degrees.

"Minor" means a person that is less than 18 years of age.

"NJIIS" means the New Jersey Immunization Information System (Immunization Registry) operated by the New Jersey Vaccine Preventable Disease Program within the Department's Public Health Service Branch, Communicable Disease Service and established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-131 et seq.

"New Jersey Vaccine Preventable Disease Program" means the health program within the Department of Health and Senior Services that is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of this subchapter.

**§ 8:57-6.1 Purpose and scope**

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to:

1. Implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:61D-1 et seq.;
2. Set forth the immunization standards that students entering institutions of higher education shall meet, to reduce the likelihood of outbreaks on institution campuses and related disruption to the academic process; and
3. Reduce the incidence of certain vaccine preventable diseases in the greater community.

(b) This subchapter shall apply to all new or continuing full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a program of study leading to an academic degree at any public or independent institution of higher education in New Jersey.

(c) Two-year institutions shall apply these rules only to those students entering the college for the first time and registering for 12 or more credit hours of course study per semester/term.

(d) Four-year institutions shall apply the rules to all full- or part-time students enrolled in a program leading to an academic degree, except as specified for hepatitis B vaccine at N.J.A.C.

8:57-6.9.

(e) Two-year institutions and Thomas Edison State College shall not be required to apply the meningococcal rule at 8:57-6.8 and 6.10.

#### **§ 8:57-6.4 Exemptions**

(a) A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements for medical or religious reasons, provided that he or she meets the criteria as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8.57-6.14 and 6.15, respectively.

(b) In addition, an institution may make an exemption for the following categories of students:

1. Students born before 1957 for the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination requirements only; or

2. Students enrolled in a program for which students do not congregate, on campus or in an off-campus facility, whether for classes or to participate in institution-sponsored events, such as those enrolled in programs for individualized home study or conducted entirely via electronic media.

(c) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as limiting the authority of a New Jersey institution of higher education to establish additional requirements for student immunizations and documentation that such institution shall determine appropriate and which is recommended by the ACIP.

(ACIP) of the United States Public Health Service.

#### **§ 8:57-6.5 Required immunization; measles**

(a) Each new student entering the institution for the first time after September 1, 1995 shall have received two doses of a live measles-containing vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live measles vaccine, that was administered after 1968.

1. The first dose shall have been administered on or after the student's first birthday and the second dose shall have been administered no less than one month after the first dose.

(b) A student vaccinated with a killed measles-containing vaccine, or an unknown vaccine prior to 1968, shall be revaccinated or produce laboratory proof of measles immunity.

(c) A student who presents documented laboratory evidence of measles immunity shall not be required to receive either the first or second dose of measles vaccine.

(d) The institution shall count measles containing vaccine administered up to four days before the student's first birthday or four days before the one-month interval (28 days) to the second dose as a valid dose.

#### **§ 8:57-6.6 Required immunization; mumps**

(a) Each new student entering an institution for the first time after September 1, 1995 shall have received one dose of live mumps virus vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live mumps virus vaccine.

1. The vaccine shall have been administered on or after the student's first birthday.

(b) A student who presents documented laboratory evidence of mumps immunity shall not be required to receive mumps vaccine.

(c) Institutions shall also count mumps virus containing vaccine administered up to four days before the student's first birthday as a valid dose.

#### **§ 8:57-6.7 Required immunization; rubella**

(a) Each new student entering an institution for the first time after September 1, 1995, shall have received one dose of live rubella virus vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live rubella virus vaccine.

1. The vaccine shall have been administered on or after the student's first birthday.

(b) A student who presents documented laboratory evidence of rubella immunity shall not be required to receive rubella vaccine.

#### **§ 8:57-6.9 Required immunization; hepatitis B**

(a) Each new student entering a two- or four-year institution for the first time on or after September 1, 2008 enrolled with a course study of 12 or more credit hours per semester or term shall have received three doses of a hepatitis B containing vaccine, or alternatively any two doses of a hepatitis B vaccine licensed and approved for a two dose regimen administered to the student between 11 through 15 years of age.

(b) An institution shall be prohibited from permitting a provisional period of more than nine months to complete the hepatitis B series for each new student entering a two- or four-year institution on or after September 1, 2008 enrolled with a course study of 12 or more credit hours per semester or term and who has not begun or provided documentation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, while remaining in attendance.

(c) An institution shall be prohibited from permitting a new student entering a two- or four-year institution on or after September 1, 2008 enrolled with a course study of 12 or more credit hours per semester or term and who has one documented dose of a hepatitis B vaccine, from having longer than six months to complete the three dose hepatitis B vaccine series.

(d) An institution shall be prohibited from permitting a new student entering a two- or four-year institution on or after September 1, 2008 enrolled with a course study of 12 or more credit hours per semester or term and who has presented documentation of two doses of a hepatitis B vaccine, from having longer than four months to complete the hepatitis B vaccine series.

(e) An institution shall not require a student who presents documented laboratory evidence of hepatitis B disease or immunity, constituting a medical exemption, to receive the hepatitis B vaccine.

(f) An institution shall exempt a student from the hepatitis B vaccine requirement if the student objects thereto in a written statement submitted to the institution, signed by the student or a parent or legal guardian if a minor, explaining how the administration of hepatitis B vaccine conflicts with the student's bona fide religious tenets or practices, except that a general philosophical or moral exemption to the vaccination shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

#### **§ 8:57-6.12 Provisional admission**

(a) An institution of higher education may permit a student to register on a provisional basis for his or her first term if the required immunization documentation is not available at the time of registration.

(b) Prior to registration for the second term, a student shall either present documentation of immunization or proof of immunity in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter or be reimmunized, except as provided for the hepatitis B vaccine at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.9(b) through (d).

(c) An institution may temporarily exclude a student in provisional status from classes and from participation in institution-sponsored activities during a vaccine preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak.

1. The decision to exclude a student in provisional status shall be made by the institution in consultation with the Commissioner and the exclusion shall continue until the outbreak is over or until proof of the student's immunization or immunity is furnished.

#### **§ 8:57-6.11 Institutional responsibility for enforcement**

(a) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall require evidence of immunization as a prerequisite to enrollment of all students except those who meet the exemption requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.4(b), 6.14 and 6.15, or those students enrolled in two-year institutions who are registered for fewer than 12 credit hours per semester or term.

(b) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall identify to the Department of Health and Senior Services an institutional official responsible for the administration and enforcement of this subchapter and for the maintenance of immunization records.

(c) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall enforce student compliance with this subchapter within 60 days of enrollment.

#### **§ 8:57-6.13 Documents accepted as evidence of immunization**

(a) An institution shall accept as evidence of a student's immunization history the following documents provided that the type of immunization and the date when each immunization was administered is listed:

1. An official school immunization record or copy thereof from any primary or secondary school, or institution of higher education, indicating compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9;

2. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9;

3. A record or an official college affidavit form signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any jurisdiction of the United States or in any foreign country, an advanced practice nurse, or any other licensed health professional approved by the Department, which indicated compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9;

4. An official record of immunization from the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIIS) indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this subchapter; or

5. A military immunization or health record from the United States Armed Forces indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this subchapter.

#### **§ 8:57-6.14 Medical exemptions**

(a) A student shall not be required to have any specific immunizations, which are medically contraindicated.

(b) An institution shall exempt a student from the specific immunization requirements for the

stated period of time based on a written statement submitted to the institution by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, or an advanced practice nurse in any jurisdiction of the United States, or in any foreign country, indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specific period of time, and setting forth the reason(s) for the medical contraindication, based upon valid medical reasons as enumerated by the 2007 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Recommended Child, Adolescent, and Adult Immunization Schedules and the ACIP Recommendations, available as set forth in (b)1 and 2 below:

1. The 2007 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Recommended Childhood, Adolescent, and Adult Immunization Schedules, which is amended yearly, is available through:

i. Verbal request to the Department at (609) 588-7512;

ii. Written request mailed to the New Jersey Vaccine Preventable Disease Program, Department of Health and Senior Services, PO Box 369, Trenton, NJ 08625-0369; or

iii. Online at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm#child>.

2. The applicable ACIP Recommendations pertaining to medical guidelines for each vaccine preventable disease and the relevant preventive vaccine, are available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm>.

(c) An institution shall retain the physician's or an advanced practice nurse's statement as part of the student's immunization record.

1. The institution shall annually review the statement to determine whether the exemption shall remain in effect for the next year.

2. When the student's medical condition permits immunization, the medical exemption shall thereupon terminate and the student shall be required to obtain the immunization(s) from which he or she has been exempted.

(d) An institution may temporarily exclude a student with medical exemptions from receiving specific immunizations, from classes and from participating in institution-sponsored activities during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak.

1. The decision to exclude a student with a medical exemption shall be made by the institution in consultation with the Commissioner and the exclusion shall continue until the outbreak is over or until proof of the student's immunization or immunity is furnished.

### **§ 8:57-6.15 Religious exemptions**

(a) A student shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the student objects thereto in a written statement submitted to the institution, signed by the student or a parent or legal guardian if a minor, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the student's religious beliefs; except as provided at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.8(b) and 6.9(f).

(b) The institution shall keep the student's statement as part of the student's immunization record.

(c) An institution may temporarily exclude a student with a religious exemption from receiving immunizing agents, from classes and from participation in institution-sponsored activities during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak.

1. The decision to exclude a student with a religious exemption shall be made by the institution in



consultation with the Commissioner and the exclusion shall continue until the outbreak is over.

#### **§ 8:57-6.16 Institutional records required**

(a) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall maintain records of immunizations on each student in a format either specified or approved by the Department.

1. Each record shall indicate the date of each required immunization, laboratory evidence of immunity, or, where applicable, the requisite documents, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.14 or 6.15 pertaining to any medical or religious exemptions.

(b) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall maintain immunization records in a manner, which allows accessibility to health officials, yet insures the confidentiality of the student's other records.

1. Student immunization histories may be entered into an institution's secure electronic database.

(c) All four year institutions of higher education shall also collect and maintain documentation of the meningitis information/education, meningococcal vaccination, and the response of each new student in a format either specified or approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

(d) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall, upon request of a student who is transferring to another institution, send the student's original record of immunization, or an authenticated copy thereof, or electronically print out an authenticated copy of the student's immunization history in the same manner as a college transcript, with any attached statements, to the other institution.

(e) All New Jersey institutions of higher education shall, upon request, release to a student his or her immunization records or an authenticated electronic printout of that record.

1. Requests for such records shall be honored for three years following a student's graduation, termination, transfer, or departure from the institution.

#### **§ 8:57-6.17 Reports to be submitted to the Department**

(a) Each institution shall provide a report of the immunization status of students each year to the Department using the Annual College Immunization Status Report (IMM-3), available in the subchapter Appendix.

1. The official designated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.11(b) to be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this subchapter and for the maintenance of immunization records shall submit the report through the mail or submit electronically, through the addresses set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.2(a).

(b) The institution shall document the total number of students who are specifically covered by the applicable education or vaccination requirements of this subchapter relevant to that institution, the number of students who are vaccinated, the number of students in provisional status, the number of students with medical exemptions, the number of students with religious exemptions, and the number of students not receiving the required immunizations.

(c) The institution shall submit the Annual College Immunization Status Report by December 1 of the academic year which begins in September of the same year after the review of all appropriate immunization records.

(d) Each four-year institution of higher education shall complete the meningococcal section of the Annual College Immunization Status by December 1, for each academic year which begins in

September of the same year.

(e) The annual meningococcal section of the Annual College Immunization Status report from each four-year institution shall document, at a minimum, the total number of new students, the number of students' responses received, and the number of new students vaccinated.

#### **§ 8:57-6.13 Documents accepted as evidence of immunization**

(a) An institution shall accept as evidence of a student's immunization history the following documents provided that the type of immunization and the date when each immunization was administered is listed:

1. An official school immunization record or copy thereof from any primary or secondary school, or institution of higher education, indicating compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9;
2. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9;
3. A record or an official college affidavit form signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any jurisdiction of the United States or in any foreign country, an advanced practice nurse, or any other licensed health professional approved by the Department, which indicated compliance with the immunization requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9;
4. An official record of immunization from the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this subchapter; or
5. A military immunization or health record from the United States Armed Forces indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this subchapter.

#### **§ 8:57-6.18 Records available for inspection**

(a) All institutions shall maintain centralized records of their students' immunization status.

1. Upon 24 hours notice, those records shall be made available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Department or the local board of health in whose jurisdiction the institution of higher education is located.

#### **§ 8:57-6.19 Providing immunization**

(a) Each institution may administer the vaccines required by, or referred to within this subchapter for students who are unable to obtain vaccine documentation or obtain the measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or meningococcal vaccines from their own health providers.

(b) Each four-year institution shall offer the meningococcal vaccine through the institution's student health service or by a contractual agreement with a community health care provider.

(c) Each two- and four-year institution shall offer the hepatitis B vaccine through the institution's student health service or by a contractual agreement with a community health care provider.

#### **§ 8:57-6.20 Reporting requirements**

Each New Jersey institution of higher education shall report the suspected presence of any reportable communicable disease, as identified at N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.5 and 1.6, to the local health officer having jurisdiction over the locality in which such institution is located.

**§ 8:57-6.21 Modifications in the event of an outbreak or vaccine shortage**

(a) In the event of an outbreak or threatened outbreak, the Commissioner or local health officers may modify the immunization requirements as set forth in this subchapter to meet the emergency.

1. These modifications may include obtaining immunization documentation or requiring specific immunizations for each student not covered by this subchapter.
2. Each student failing to meet these additional requirements may be temporarily excluded from classes and from participating in institution-sponsored activities.
3. This exclusion shall continue until the outbreak is over or until proof of the student's immunization or immunity is furnished.

(b) In the event of a national or State vaccine shortage as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Commissioner, respectively, the Commissioner may temporarily suspend the immunization requirement for the particular vaccine affected by the supply shortage after provision of notice to the public, such as through any of the methods below:

1. Electronic posting on the Department's website;
2. Print and electronic media;
3. The Department's Local Information Network and Communications System (LINCS);
4. The Department's Vaccine Preventable Disease Program; or
5. Any other method reasonably calculated to inform those persons or institutions most likely to be affected by or interested in the temporary immunization requirement suspension.