

## Immunization Policy

New York State Public Health Law **requires** students taking six or more credits to provide proof of immunity to **measles, mumps, and rubella**. Additionally, all students must have received the **meningococcal** immunization *or* must verify by their signature that they have received information about meningococcal disease and have made an informed decision to decline the immunization.

### Immunization Requirements

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella** vaccine requirements can be met through **one** of the following:
  1. Two doses of MMR vaccine
  2. Two doses of Measles and one dose of Mumps and one dose of Rubella vaccine all given on or after the first birthday
    - Doses of measles vaccine must be at least 4 weeks apart
  3. Medical documentation of history of disease(s)
    - Previous diagnosis of Rubella is not acceptable proof
  4. Blood titers showing immunity (lab report required)
  5. Born before 1/1/1957
  
- **Meningitis:** NYS Public Health Law 2167 became effective January 1, 2017. This law requires all colleges/universities to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination. According to the NYS Public Health Law 2167 every student is required to address the meningitis requirement. To meet this requirement, provide proof of vaccine given in the last five years **or** decline the vaccine through the online waiver.
  1. Proof of at least 1 dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Menveo, Menactra or MenQuadfi)
  2. **OR** a complete 2 or 3 - dose series of Meningitis B (Trumenba or Bexsero) vaccine
  3. **OR** complete the waiver form refusing meningococcal vaccine which can be found on the Student Health Services Portal.

### Acceptable Proof of Immunization

- A statement of immunization signed by a physician or health care provider which documents measles, mumps and rubella immunity. The certificate must specify the type of vaccine and the dates (month, day, year) of administration, or the date of disease diagnosis, if any, or the date of serologic testing and results, if any.
- A student health record from a previously attended school which properly documents the immunization history.

Student Health and Counseling will automatically receive immunization records from the NYS database for all students in New York State. If those records are missing or incomplete, our office will contact the student for more information. Students from outside New York State and international students will need to upload their immunization records to the Student Health Services portal.

### Immunization Requirement Deadlines

SUNY Geneseo requires that completed immunization documentation be received by the following deadlines:

- For students entering in the fall: **August 1st**
- For students entering in the spring: **January 15th**
- For students accepted late: within four weeks of acceptance.

Students not in compliance will continue to be notified. Administration reserves the right to put a records and registration hold on a student account once the deadline has passed. Failure to provide proof of immunization by the 30<sup>th</sup> day\* of the semester, will result in being **disenrolled** from the College (\*45 days for out-of-state and international students).

### Exemptions

New York state law allows a student to request a waiver from an immunization that is required by law if that student (or the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students younger than 18) holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs that are contrary to the practice of immunization, or, if there is a medical reason to avoid vaccination. Please note, in the event of an outbreak, medical or religiously exempt students may be asked to leave the SUNY Geneseo campus for their safety. Exemption forms are found on the Student Health and Counseling website. All exemptions are reviewed by the Student Health and Counseling Medical Director.

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