



Health and Immunization Requirements

All new or continuing undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a program of study leading to an academic degree at any four (4) year public or independent institution of higher education in New Jersey are required to provide evidence of immunization as a prerequisite to enrollment.

Required Immunizations

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses. Any student born after 1956 must provide vaccination documentation of two (2) doses of MMR. The first dose must be administered on or after your first birthday and the second dose must not be administered any less than one (1) month from the first. Laboratory blood tests that demonstrate immunity may be submitted in place of vaccination documentation. We must receive a copy of the blood work results in order to verify immunity.
- Hepatitis B – 2 or 3 dose series- NJ State law requires all new incoming students registered for 12 or more credits must provide proof of a completed Hepatitis B vaccine series. This can either be the two (2) dose adolescent series or the three (3) dose pediatric/adult series. Laboratory blood tests that demonstrate immunity may be submitted in place of vaccination documentation. We must receive a copy of the blood work results in order to verify immunity.
- Meningitis Vaccine – *1 or 2 doses. NJ State law requires all students who intend to live in the residence life halls on campus must provide documented proof of one (1) dose of the meningitis vaccine. Housing room assignments will not be given until proof of meningitis immunization is provided.

*Two doses of meningitis (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years of age: the first dose at 11 or 12 years of age, with a booster dose at age 16. If the first dose (or series) is given between 13 and 15 years of age, the booster must be given between 16 and 18. If the first dose (or series) is given after the 16th birthday, a booster is not needed.

Recommended Immunizations

The Tetanus Vaccine, Flu Vaccine, and Meningitis Vaccine as well as a tuberculosis skin test, are highly recommended for *all* University students.

Exemptions

A request for exemption from these requirements due to religious beliefs may be submitted to the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center. The request must be in writing from the enrolled student if aged 18 or over and specifically state the religious doctrine that prohibits vaccination.

Exemption from requirements based on medical reasons must be submitted to the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center in the form of a signed statement from a healthcare provider indicating a specific immunization is contraindicated due to a valid medical condition. This documentation will be reviewed annually.

Please note- a student with religious or medical exemptions from receiving immunizing agents may be temporarily excluded from classes and from participating in institution sponsored activities during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak. This decision shall be made by the institution in consultation with the Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services or his or her designee. This exclusion shall continue until the outbreak is over or until proof of the student's immunization or immunity is furnished.

Documentation

Immunization documentation will be accepted in the following formats:

- The University Health Form completed, signed and stamped by one's personal health care provider
- Documentation on the health care provider's letterhead, official school immunization record, or record from any public health department
- A record or an official college affidavit form signed by a health care provider licensed to practice medicine in the United States or in any foreign country

Students who do not comply will have a registration hold placed on their account until documentation is received. Please review all documents to ensure they are correct and complete prior to submitting them to the Health and Wellness Center. Any questions please call: 973-720-2360 or email wpuimmunization@wpunj.edu.

All records or documentation should be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center.

Address

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Overlook South
Wayne, New Jersey, 07470
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Deadlines

All documentation must be received by:
August 1 for the fall semester
January 2 for the spring semester