

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM IMMUNIZATION POLICY

INTRODUCTION

There have been outbreaks recently of Rubeola (Red Measles), Mumps and Pertussis on several college campuses around the United States. Furthermore, it has been recommended by the American College Health Association that students be immunized against certain diseases. For these reasons, UAB hereby establishes this policy on immunization.

For purposes of this policy, immunization against Rubeola (Red Measles) includes an initial vaccine plus a second dose of MMR (Rubeola, Rubella & Mumps) vaccine. If the person has never been immunized, two injections of the MMR vaccine at least one month apart are required.

FIRST-TIME ENTERING UAB STUDENTS

Beginning with the Fall Term 1991, all first-time entering students born on or after January 1, 1957, who enroll in credit courses on UAB's main campus must show proof of two immunization against Rubeola (Red Measles) and Mumps and one immunization against Rubella (German Measles). Booster vaccines for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) are strongly encouraged for all entering students. Students can receive the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria Pertussis) vaccine after two years since their last Tetanus booster. Furthermore, students living on campus are encouraged to seek Meningococcal vaccination within their first semester.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND VISITING SCHOLARS

Because of a lack of immunization requirements in many foreign countries, all UAB international students and visiting international scholars are currently required, and will continue to be required, to be immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Rubeola, Rubella and Mumps and have a tuberculin skin test done within 3 months of their matriculation date here in the United States. In lieu of being re-immunized, such individuals may present proof of having had such immunizations or titer tests. If they do not have such proof or have not been immunized, they must be immunized against these diseases prior to matriculating, enrolling, or participating in campus academic, research, or clinical programs and activities.

STUDENTS IN HEALTH AFFAIRS SCHOOLS

Because of the nature of their daily workload, students engaged in health professional training programs could have a higher risk related to Rubeola, Rubella, Mumps, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B infection. Therefore, all UAB students in Joint Health science programs and in the School of Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Public Health, Nursing, and Health Professions currently are and are required, and will continue to be required, to be immunized against these diseases listed above and tested for Hepatitis B vaccine immunity and are required to have an initial two-step tuberculosis test with an annual one-step tuberculosis test to rule out infection. In lieu of being re-immunized, such individuals may present titer testing proof for their vaccinations for their medical clearances. Individual Health Affairs Schools may impose additional immunization and titer testing requirements for their students.

UAB STUDENT HEALTH

The UAB Student Health Services office will provide such immunization, physical exams and titer testing for a fee. Students may seek these vaccinations and required examinations with the Jefferson County Health Department or with a private physician.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Vice President of Health Affairs, in conjunction with the University Registrar, will be responsible for procedures to implement this policy for students in the Joint Health Sciences Programs and in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Public Health, Nursing and the Health Professions Program.

The Vice President for Student Affairs, in conjunction with the University Registrar and the Director of Admissions, will be responsible for procedures to implement this policy for all other UAB students.

The Office of International Programs will be responsible for procedures to implement this policy for visiting international students and scholars.

The Director of University Relations and Marketing will be responsible for conveying to UAB's public that fact that this policy is implemented in an effort to be responsive to the health needs of our constituencies and that it is not intended to impede the enrollment process of our students.

**UAB Graduate Student
CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to enroll for classes at UAB; you must show proof of immunization against measles (rubeola). Students who are unable to document prior history of measles will be required to provide verification of a second measles vaccine. The complete immunization policy can be found on the reverse side of this form; however, the major requirements are noted below:

This policy applies to all incoming students attending the main campus:

Students born before January 1, 1957, are exempt from the requirement for immunization; however, they must provide proof of age. (Either a driver's license or a copy of your birth certificate will suffice.)

Students who do not have adequate proof of immunization will be required to repeat immunization.

This form (or State of Alabama for IMM90) must be returned prior to the time of registration to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

This form (or State of Alabama form IMM90) must be completed and signed by the appropriate health practitioner.

STUDENTS INFORMATION

BLAZER ID	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME
MONTH/DATE/YEAR OF BIRTH	DOCUMENT CONFIRMING DATE OF BIRTH:		

VACCINE INFORMATION

*****CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX*****

1. Immunization with second dose live virus vaccine.
 - a. Date: Month _____/, Day _____/, Year _____.
 - b. Health care provider's signature: _____
 - c. Printed name of provider: _____

2. Immunization confirmed by blood titer.
 - a. Date: Month _____/, Day _____/, Year _____.
 - b. Attach a copy of laboratory report.

3. Disease confirmed by physician's records.
 - a. Date: Month _____/, Day _____/, Year _____.
 - b. Health care provider's signature: _____
 - c. Printed name of provider: _____

4. Medical-based exemption. Attach physician's statement of medical contraindication.

ADDRESS

SUBMIT FORM TO: THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
ROOM 511, HILL UNIVERISTY CENTER
1400 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35294-1150

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