

University of Connecticut Student Health Services

Immunization Information for 2009-2010 Academic Year

Health History Form Deadlines

- **July 15th for Fall Semester**
- **January 1st for Spring Semester**

All students at all campuses should submit their immunization information on the Health History form that is included in the orientation packet or found at www.shs.uconn.edu/forms.html

Immunizations

State of Connecticut General Statutes as well as University of Connecticut regulations require each full-time or matriculating student born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella before permitting such student to enroll at the university. In addition, for Storrs students, there are requirements for providing proof of immunization against meningitis and tuberculosis screening status.

The following are required for ALL students:

1. Proof of immunity to **Measles** (Rubeola.)

This means you must provide proof of one of the following:

- a. Two measles (or MMR) immunizations. (one after your first birthday and one at least one month later)
OR
- b. Documentation of positive measles titer (blood test) OR
- c. Documentation of date of measles disease by your healthcare provider.

2. Proof of immunity to **Rubella**.

This means you must provide proof of one of the following:

- a. One rubella immunization after first birthday, OR
- b. Documentation of positive rubella titer, OR
- c. Documentation of date of rubella disease by your healthcare provider.

3. Proof of screening for **Tuberculosis** (TB) is required of all Storrs campus students. Complete the "Tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment" that is on the health history form. If you answered "yes" to questions 2, 3 or 4 you will need a TB test.

Acceptable TB tests:

- a. Mantoux (PPD) skin test
- b. Quantiferon Gold or T-Spot blood tests.

If your TB test is positive, or if you have had a positive TB test in the past, you will need a chest x-ray. We accept chest x-rays done within the past 6 months. The radiology report **MUST** be attached in order for us to accept the x-ray result.

4. **Meningitis** immunization:

Storrs Campus Residents Only – All students living in campus owned housing who are under age 29 must provide proof of meningococcal immunization having been administered within the past 5 years. You will not be allowed to live in University housing unless you have received a vaccine that protects against the four subtypes of meningococcus - A, C, Y, and W-135.

The following are recommended (they are not requirements at this time):

1. Proof of immunity to **Varicella** (Chicken Pox) will be required for all students beginning on August 1, 2010, but we recommend you meet this requirement now.

This means you must provide proof of one of the following:

- a. Two varicella immunizations OR
- b. Documentation of positive varicella titer (blood test) OR
- c. Documentation of date of chicken pox disease by your doctor.

2. Proof of immunity to **Mumps** will be required for all students beginning on August 1, 2010, but we recommend you meet this requirement now.

This means you must provide proof of one of the following:

- a. Two mumps immunizations OR
- b. Documentation of positive mumps titer (blood test) OR
- c. Documentation of date of mumps disease by your doctor.

3. We recommend you be immunized for **Hepatitis B**.

Hepatitis B is a serious liver infection which may be asymptomatic; it is common in many countries of the world, especially countries in sub-Saharan Africa, in the Amazon basin of South America, and in countries in eastern and south-eastern Asia. It is **strongly recommended** for all students (even students who have been immunized), who were born in any of these countries, or whose mothers were born in any of these countries, be screened for prior infection with a Hepatitis B surface antigen test.

(see <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HBV/PDFs/ChronicHepBTestingFactSheet-BW.pdf>)

It is very important that you complete the requirements and submit proof of immunizations on our Student Health History Form before your arrival at UConn. (See submission deadlines on page 1.)

You can download this form at http://www.shs.uconn.edu/docs/student_health_history_form.pdf.

Be sure to keep copies of your forms for your personal record. If you have any other health and immunization documents, please make photocopies of everything and send them along with your health history form. This will prevent having any problems with registration and housing when you arrive.

Immunization Exemptions

- Students born prior to January 1, 1957 are exempted by age to the Measles and Rubella requirement.
- Students over 29 years of age do not need to provide Meningococcal vaccination information.
- The university will only permit vaccination waivers for religious or medical reasons. A signed statement indicating specific medical contraindication from your medical provider is required for medical exemption. A signed statement stating religious objections to immunization must be submitted in order to obtain a religious exemption.
- Distance Learners do not need to meet the immunization requirements if all courses are on-line. It is each student's responsibility to notify Student Health Services annually if that is the case.

The Immunization Exemption Form can be found at www.shs.uconn.edu/docs/immunization_exemption_form.pdf
Exemption for either medical or religious reasons subjects the individual to exclusion from campus in the event of an outbreak of a disease for which immunizations are required.

Other helpful links

➤ STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

Student Health Services maintains a web portal through which you may view the immunization information we have on file for you. Go to **myhealth.uconn.edu**, log in using your NetID and password, then go to My Profile > Immunization History. You can save and/or print the report that is displayed by using the appropriate icons.