



Immunization Policy

I. Introduction

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the effective and appropriate management of immunizations for students at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (“University”).
- B. Applicability. This policy applies to all incoming University students including undergraduate, graduate, and international students unless otherwise noted.

II. General Policy

- A. Basis for University Actions. To ensure the health and safety of our campus, immunizations against communicable diseases is extremely important. The University’s immunization policy is established to protect students from the spread of communicable diseases on campus.
- B. Other University Policies. The University’s communicable disease policy should also be consulted.
- C. Implementation Responsibility. Responsibility for the implementation of this policy will rest with the Student Health Center.

III. Specific Requirements and Procedures

- A. Required vaccinations. Measles: The University requires all students born after 1956 to have had 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine. One dose must have been a Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Students ages 30 and older may submit evidence of one MMR if the dose was received after 1980. A copy of a lab report showing proof of immunity from measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella can be submitted in lieu of the vaccine. *Meningitis*: A meningitis vaccine within the past five (5) years is required for all first time freshmen and all students living in on-campus residence halls. *Tuberculosis Screening and Testing*: All international students are required to have a Tuberculosis test. The test must be administered in the United States within 12 months of the

student's most recent arrival in the United States. All domestic students are required to complete a health screening form. Tuberculosis testing may be required for domestic students based upon information provided on the health screening form. Students, international or domestic, who are screened and found to have a positive screening test will not be permitted to attend classes until follow-up testing can be completed and it is determined that there is no active Tuberculosis disease.

B. Documentation Requirements. All students must submit completed immunization forms and supporting documentation to the Student Health Center.

C. Compliance. Students are required to comply with all immunization procedures at least 30 days before the start of classes. If a student has not fulfilled the requirements, a hold will be placed on their university account preventing continued enrollment.

IV. Annual Review of Policy

Annual Review. This policy will be reviewed and subject to change annually by the Student Health Center and the Dean of Students or more frequently if organization or situational changes warrant.

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