

# IMPORTANT!! INFORMATION ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS

Please **carefully** review the UMES immunization requirements and health insurance information below and on the back page of this document. Documentation of immunizations and the health history form is **required** and must be submitted to the Student Health Center **before** students can register for and/or attend classes.

- ❖ **All students**, including graduate, transfer and international who are registered as UMES students, regardless of number of credit hours are required to provide a completed health history form and proof of up-to-date immunization status for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and tuberculosis (TB) **prior to registering for classes**. Students living in campus housing must also meet the **meningitis** requirement.
- ❖ **Registration blocks** will be placed on students who have not submitted required immunization records and health history form to Student Health. This will prevent you from registering or attending classes until records are received and processed. To **avoid delays** in registration please be sure to submit your records as soon as possible.
- ❖ To **meet** the MMR requirement you must have 2 doses of MMR vaccine **documented** with month, day and year given within the recommended guidelines **or** a blood test that shows proof of immunity. Students born before 1957 are considered immune and are exempt from this requirement.
- ❖ To **meet** the tuberculosis requirement the date and results of a Mantoux **PPD** (*Tine tests are not acceptable*) given within 12 months prior to enrollment must be **documented**. For a positive PPD, a chest x-ray and a copy of the report is required.
- ❖ Students living in campus housing must have the **meningitis vaccine** given within 5 years **or** a signed waiver.
- ❖ Other immunizations, although not required, are strongly recommended. These include tetanus, hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox).
- ❖ The Health Center will accept the following **documentation**: completed immunization form signed by a health care provider, copy of high school immunization record, personal medical records from your physician, military immunization records or international certificate of vaccination. Attach copies to the health history form.
- ❖ Students **who cannot provide documentation** for MMR must be re-immunized or have a blood test to prove immunity. This may be arranged through your healthcare provider or UMES Student Health. Please contact the office regarding the cost and schedule for these services.
- ❖ Re-immunization may take 1 - 30 days to complete, results of blood tests for immunity can take up to 7 days and TB tests require 48 – 72 hours for results. This is important because you may have a **block** placed on your registration until your results are available.
- ❖ **Athletes** must submit this health history and immunization form to Student Health. Additional forms may be required by the Athletic Department. Do not submit Student Health Center forms to Athletics.
- ❖ **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATIONS RECORDS:**
  - **FALL SEMESTER: AUGUST 1**
  - **SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY 1**
- ❖ Remember to maintain **copies** of all your records for your files
- ❖ Submit records **directly to Charles R. Drew Student Health Center by mail or fax** (including your health information with other correspondence to the university may cause a delay in handling).

For any questions or additional information, contact

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