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I. SCOPE

This policy requires the immunization of all incoming full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate/professional students against Varicella (Chicken Pox), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, as a condition of attendance at the University of Pittsburgh.

II. POLICY

All incoming full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate/professional students must submit proof of immunization to Student Health Service against the following diseases as specified below:

- Chicken Pox (Varicella)

Two doses of varicella-containing vaccine at least 12 weeks apart if vaccinated between 1 and 12 years of age and at least 4 weeks apart if vaccinated at age 13 years or older. A history of varicella immunity proved by serological evidence also satisfies this requirement.

- Measles (Rubeola)

All entering students born after 1956 must have two doses of live measles vaccine: the first dose administered at 12 months of age or older; the second dose administered at least one month after the initial dose. A history of measles immunity proved by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to measles also satisfies this requirement.

- German Measles (Rubella)

One dose of live attenuated rubella vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older. A history of rubella immunity proved by serological evidence showing adequate antibody to rubella also satisfies this requirement.

- Mumps

One dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older, or a physician diagnosis of mumps disease indicated by a written record signed by the physician or his designee.

- MMR/MMRV Vaccination

In lieu of the individual vaccines for measles, mumps, and rubella, two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) vaccination at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age also satisfies the University immunization requirement.

- Meningitis - FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING ONLY

All students living in University housing will be required to receive initial dose of Meningococcal Quadrivalent (A,C,Y,W-135) vaccine at age 11-15 with a booster dose at age 16; if initial dose was given after age 16, no booster dose is required.

Proof of Immunization

All full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate/professional students must provide to the University Student Health Service documentation of immunization which includes the month, day, and year that the immunizations were administered. Completed immunization forms must be kept on file in the Student Health Service.

Exemptions from Immunization

A student may be granted a medical exemption from immunization based on a written statement from a physician, or his designee, that the immunization may be detrimental to the health of the student.

An exemption from immunization may be granted based on a student's written objection to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a moral or ethical conviction.

However, if an outbreak of Measles, Mumps, Rubella or Varicella (Chicken Pox) occurs on or near a University campus, the Allegheny County Health Department or Pennsylvania Department of Health may exclude students from campus who have not provided proof of immunity to the circulating diseases.

Failure to Comply

Incoming full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate/professional students, who, after receipt of notification by the University that their immunization records are incomplete, fail to provide proof of immunization or written request for exemption as described above, may be prohibited from registering for any classes beyond the term following initial enrollment.