

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF NURSING

SJCON IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

The following are required by **New York State** for attendance at a post-secondary institution in accordance with PHL Section 2165 **MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)**, PHL Section 2167-**Meningitis** (meningococcal disease), and Title 10 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Subpart 66-2 (10 NYCRR Subpart 66-2). (Documentation of proof of immunity/immunization records is required by all students who are taking 6 or more credits.

All proof of immunizations or immunity (positive titers) **MUST** be uploaded to your **Castle branch account** according to the following dates or you **will be excluded** from the program until compliance is met:

July enrollment: June 1st

Fall enrollment: July 15th

Spring enrollment: December 15th

"Exclusion" is the process whereby noncompliant students are not permitted continued attendance at the institution; where as, "attendance" means the student's physical presence on campus (i.e., exclusion from classes, dorm residence and other curricular and extra-curricular campus activities).

Proof of vaccination or immunity to Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)

- **Two doses** of MMR vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received **on or after the first birthday**. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid. **OR**
- **Two doses** of Measles and **one dose** of Mumps **and one dose** of Rubella **vaccines OR**
- **Documented** (by written proof from a physician) history of the disease(s) for measles or mumps only **OR**
- **Blood titers showing immunity (Positive titers)**
- **For rubella** only the MMR, one dose of vaccine or blood titers is acceptable as proof of immunity

If insufficient vaccine record, then antibody titers are required. Booster vaccine documentation is required if antibody titers are negative or equivocal.

MENINGITIS

• New York State PHL Section 2167 requires post-secondary institutions to distribute information about meningococcal disease and immunization to the students, or parents or guardians of students under the age of 18, accompanied by a response form. The institution is required to maintain appropriate documentation for each student. Acceptable documentation includes any of the following:

- A vaccine record indicating at least 1 dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine within the last 5 years or a complete 2- or 3-dose series of Men B without a response form; or
- A signed response form with a vaccine record (If a student submits a response form selecting this option, a vaccine record must be attached); or
- A signed response form indicating that the student will obtain meningococcal vaccine within 30 days; or
- A signed response form indicating that the student will not obtain immunization against meningococcal disease.
- If the student has not received meningococcal vaccine within the past 5 years, then he/she must submit the signed response form.

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[Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

[Meningococcal response form 2024.pdf](#)

State-mandated Exemptions:

Per NYS Public Health Law Section 2165, Students attending a NYS Secondary College or University have the right to request medical and religious exemptions to immunizations.

To apply for a medical or religious exemption to state-required immunizations, please submit one of the following;

Medical exemption: A letter must be written by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and state that a valid contraindication to vaccination exists. The exemption must specify which immunizations are contraindicated and why.

Religious exemption: There must be a written and signed statement from the student (parent or guardian of students less than 18 years of age) that they object to immunization due to their religious beliefs.

However, in the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps, rubella, or meningitis, students with medical and religious exemptions will be excluded from campus and classes to protect them from exposure for as long as they could be at risk.

Documentation for request of medical and/or religious exemptions must be received prior to the start of classes.

St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center (SJHHC) requires Varicella, Hepatitis B, TDAP, and TB screening to attend clinical.

TDAP-Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (TDAP) vaccine within last 10 years

Hepatitis B: Documented official record of 2 dose series **or** 3 dose series Hepatitis B vaccines **or** positive titer results.

If insufficient vaccine record, then antibody titers are required. Booster vaccine documentation is required if antibody titers are negative or equivocal.

Varicella: Documented official record of history of disease, or 2 varicella vaccines, or positive titer result

If insufficient vaccine record, then antibody titers are required. Booster vaccine documentation is required if antibody titers are negative or equivocal.

TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING

Students **must** undergo baseline testing for tuberculosis with a blood test (Interferon Gamma Release Assay [IGRA]) or a 2-step Tuberculin Skin Test.

IGRA: (**Preferred**) Two IGRAs are currently endorsed by CDC for initial screening and surveillance of HCP, QuantiFERON-Gold, and T-Spot TB.

2-Step TST is performed by intradermal injection of PPD (purified protein derivative) with the student returning in 48-72 hours to record induration and interpretation. If negative, a second TST is placed on the opposite forearm **7-21 days** after initial negative results and again returning in 48-72 hours to record induration and interpretation.

This 2-step version will result in **four total visits** to your provider. You **must** also submit a TB questionnaire when uploading TB results. Questionnaire is available on CastleBranch.

Results must be uploaded to Castle branch and must be **negative**.

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If you have positive test results, you must upload a clear chest x-ray within last 3 years.

Every student must also submit an initial **TB questionnaire** when uploading results, and annually thereafter. The renewal date is set for 1 year. **Questionnaire is available for download from CastleBranch.**

Please submit TB results and questionnaire at same time for approval.

Seasonal flu (Influenza) vaccine: SJHHC strongly recommends an annual influenza vaccine.

COVID 19 Vaccination: SJHHC does not require though strongly recommends following the CDC guidelines with regard to COVID-19 vaccinations.