IMMUNIZATION POLICY

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2017-18 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

USF Policy 33-002

I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent of the Policy)

In order to ensure the health and wellbeing of the entire community, The University of South Florida System (USF System) requires the following immunizations, prior to registration and specific immunization to reside in on-campus housing.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE PROOF OF IMMUNITY (defined in Sec. D. below) AS FOLLOWS:

- MEASLES: Proof of Immunity.
- RUBELLA: Proof of Immunity.
- HEPATITIS B: Proof of Immunity or signed waiver declining the vaccine.
- MENINGITIS: Proof of Immunity or signed waiver declining the vaccine except as listed in Sec. B. below.

B. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS RESIDING IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING MUST HAVE PROOF OF IMMUNITY AS FOLLOWS:

- MENINGITIS: Proof of Immunity required, as declining by waiver of this vaccine is not acceptable for students in on-campus housing. No student will be assigned housing without proof of vaccine.

C. HEALTH HISTORY FORM

All students must complete and sign the USF Medical History Form.

D. PROOF OF IMMUNITY

Students must provide Proof of Immunity for each disease as follows:

1. MEASLES:
   a. Medical documentation of immunization with TWO (2) DOSES of live measles virus vaccine on or after the first birthday and administered at least 28 days apart. Persons vaccinated with killed, or an unknown vaccine, prior to 1968 must be revaccinated. Persons born before 1957 may be considered to have had a natural infection, and therefore meet the proof of immunity requirement. The documented date of immunization for measles should indicate the day, month, and year. However, month and year will suffice if the month and year indicate that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth, OR
   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of measles immunity (IgG rubeola titer), OR
   c. A written, dated statement signed by a physician on his/her stationery that specifies the date seen and stating that the person has had an illness characterized by a generalized rash lasting three (3) or more days, a fever of 101˚ Fahrenheit or greater, a cough, and conjunctivitis, and, in the physician's opinion, is diagnosed to have had the 10 day measles (rubeola).

2. RUBELLA:
   a. Medical documentation of immunization with live rubella virus vaccine on, or after, the first birthday. Persons born before 1957 may be considered to have had a natural infection, and therefore meet the proof of immunity requirement. The documented date of immunization for rubella should indicate the day, month, and year. However, month and year will suffice if the month and year indicate that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth, OR
   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubella immunity (IgG rubella titer).

3. HEPATITIS B:
   a. Medical documentation of immunization with 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, OR
   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of Hepatitis B immunity (anti-HBs titer).

4. MENINGITIS:

- Medical documentation of immunization with Meningitis vaccine at age 16 or later or signed waiver of the vaccine.

Declining by waiver of this vaccine is not acceptable for students in on-campus housing. No student will be assigned housing without proof of vaccine.

E. EXEMPTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. RELIGIOUS: Religious exemptions- contact USF Student Health Services for an application.
2. MEDICAL: Requests for temporary or permanent medical exemptions must be submitted to USF Student Health Services by the attending physician and must include reason for exemption and duration of exemption.
3. ON-LINE COURSES: Students registered in 100% on-line courses may be exempt from the requirements of this Policy. However, if a student registers for any on-campus course at any time, the immunization requirements of this Policy will be in effect for all future courses.

In the event of a disease outbreak, students exempted from immunization requirements may be requested by the University, at the direction of public health officials, to show titers of Immunity, become immunized, or remain off campus for the duration of the outbreak. All requests for exemptions will be reviewed to ensure consistency in application.

F. CONSEQUENCES:

Students who fail to comply with the requirements as stated above will be blocked from registration, restricted from on-campus housing assignment, and/or a registration hold will be placed on their record. In specific circumstances a temporary override may be granted, however, vaccination requirements must be completed before further registration...
in subsequent terms will be permitted and current registration may be suspended if any deficiency in immunization status is identified.