



## **Immunization/Vaccination Policy** *(Effective June 21, 2021)*

The Center for Student Wellness is committed to taking steps to protect the physical, mental and emotional health of our entire campus community. One element of that commitment is ensuring compliance with New York Public Health Law requiring student proof of immunizations, and the University's requirements for COVID-19 vaccination.

### **New York State Public Health Requirements**

#### **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**

New York Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2165 requires students attending post-secondary institutions who were born on or after January 1, 1957 and registered for 6 or more credit hours to demonstrate proof of immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella. Those born before 1957 do not need to submit proof of immunization.

A certificate of immunization (required to provide proof of immunity) includes documents such as a certificate from a health care provider, immunization registry record, cumulative health record from a previous school, migrant health record, immunization transfer record, military immunization record, immunization portion of a passport or an immunization record card signed by a health care provider. An immunization record may also show health care provider diagnosis of disease or laboratory evidence of immunity. Immunization records must be signed or stamped by a health care provider.

**MEASLES** (Proof of immunity for measles must be demonstrated by meeting **one** of the following three requirements.)

- (a) Two doses of live measles vaccine. The first dose must have been received no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday and the second dose received at least 28 days after the first dose, OR
- (b) Physician diagnosis of disease, OR
- (c) Serologic evidence of immunity.

**MUMPS** (Proof of immunity for mumps must be demonstrated by meeting one of the following three requirements.)

- (a) One dose of live mumps vaccine received no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday, OR
- (b) Physician diagnosis of disease, OR
- (c) Serologic evidence of immunity.

**RUBELLA** (Proof of immunity for rubella must be demonstrated by meeting one of the following two requirements.)

- (a) One dose of live rubella vaccine received no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday, OR
- (b) Serologic evidence of immunity,
- (c) Please note: Clinical diagnosis of rubella disease is **not** acceptable as proof of immunity.

### **Meningococcal Disease**

New York State Public Health Law (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. St. Bonaventure University 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 MenB 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 they must submit the signed response form.

Students who met the requirements for PHL 2167 in a semester/trimester prior to Spring 2017 do not need to resubmit their vaccine record or their response form.

## **St. Bonaventure University COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement**

St. Bonaventure University requires all students — except for fully online, non-residential graduate students — to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. For purposes of this policy, “fully vaccinated” means that two or more weeks have passed since the individual received the final dose (e.g., first for Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, second for Pfizer and Moderna) of the vaccine approved by the FDA or authorized by the FDA for emergency use. Vaccine booster shots as determined to be necessary by the FDA or CDC will also be required in accordance with the most current FDA or CDC recommendations.

For international students, the University will accept vaccines on the World Health Organization emergency use list that have reached a “finalized” status of assessment, with the timing to be considered “fully vaccinated” based on applicable WHO guidance.

Students must provide documentation of full vaccination by the time they return to campus for the fall 2021 academic semester. Documentation must be completed before residential students will be issued a room key or off-campus students will be permitted to attend class.

### **Eligible Exemptions**

Students may request an accommodation exempting them from some or all immunization/vaccination requirements under this policy by submitting a Religious or Medical Exemption Request for Immunization/Vaccination Requirement Form. Requests for the fall 2021 academic year must be submitted by July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The University will evaluate requests in accordance with guidance from public health authorities, University policy and applicable law. If an exemption is granted, it may include lawful limitations or conditions on the exempted individual's participation in particular activities or programs on campus in circumstances where the failure to be immunized/vaccinated would reasonably be expected to (a) prevent the individual from fulfilling the essential functions and/or curricular requirements of his/her/their academic program, (b) cause the University undue hardship, or (c) pose a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

Medical and Religious Exemptions are valid for one year and must be submitted annually for review in advance of the upcoming academic year. General philosophical, moral, political, scientific, or sociological objections to immunizations or vaccinations will not justify an exemption from a requirement. Students requesting an exemption will be notified in writing of the outcome of their request within 10 business days of the University receiving a completed request form. At any time, the University reserves the right to require further documentation.

### **Documentation of Requirements**

Students must submit all required immunization, vaccination and health forms through their St. Bonaventure University Patient Portal. Lack of any required document(s) will result in a hold placed on a student's account.

If NYS mandated immunization records are not received within 30 days after the start of classes, non-compliant students will be removed from class and residential facilities.

Housing assignments cannot be completed for new incoming students until all required immunization, vaccination and health forms have been uploaded.