

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Medical Requirements for Registration

SUMMARY/PURPOSE:

To meet requirements established by the Mississippi State Department of Health and Institutions of Higher Learning for acceptance to the state university system.

DOMESTIC STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

New students, including transfer students who enroll to take classes, at Millsaps are required to submit proper documentation of immunizations. Proof of two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, usually in the form of MMR, is needed to register for courses. Proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella should be submitted in one of the following ways: A physician statement documenting prior infection/disease, blood test (Serology confirmation of immunity), or vaccine history (Immunization Compliance Form 121 or Millsaps compliance form.).

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS:

The only permanent exemption to immunization requirements in the state of Mississippi is a medical exemption. Medical exemption to specific vaccines must be documented on a Mississippi State Department of Health Form 122.

The medical exemption may be requested on this form by a licensed health care provider and must be based on a contraindication (reason not to give the vaccine) that is among those listed by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The request is reviewed and, if accepted as legitimate by Student Health staff, the student will be exempt from the immunization. The Student Health Service staff only accepts contraindications to a particular vaccine that are recognized by ACIP or the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Disease. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant, suspect pregnancy, or nursing mothers. A valid certificate of Medical Exemption from Immunization Requirements for Adults (Form 132), or a statement from an OB/GYN is required. Vaccinations are exempt until pregnancy or nursing is resolved.