

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.

What vaccines are required for Millsaps?

Only documentation of **two** MMR vaccines (measles, mumps, and rubella) is required for admission.

What documentation do I submit?

Measles, mumps, and rubella are serious communicable diseases that can spread in close living or classroom environments. All students, including transfer students, must be vaccinated to prevent these outbreaks. **You must show proof of immunity before you can register for classes.**

Proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella must be submitted in *one* of the following ways:

1. A physician statement documenting prior infection of measles, mumps, and rubella
2. Blood test (serology confirmation of measles, mumps, and rubella immunity)
3. Documentation of **two** MMR vaccines by providing:
 - [Certificate of Immunization Compliance Form 121](#) (MS residents) **or**
 - Immunization records provided by your State Health Department or local physician's office

Timing of MMR administration:

- Individuals born after January 1, 1957, are required to have two doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine given after 12 months of age. Immunizations must be repeated if given at less than 12 months of age, or before January 1, 1968. There must be a minimum time interval of four weeks between the two doses of measles vaccine.
- Two mumps vaccinations after the age of 12 months.
- Two rubella vaccinations that were administered after 12 months of age (on or after January 1, 1969) Note: These were usually given together as MMR.

Are there any exemptions to the MMR requirement?

Students can submit medical exemptions *to be reviewed*.

Permanent and Temporary Exemptions

Medical exemption to specific vaccines must be documented on a Certificate of Medical Exemption Form 122 by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH).

The medical exemption may be requested 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 MSDH. The request is reviewed and, if accepted as legitimate by Wesson Health Center staff, the student will be exempt from the immunization. The staff only accepts contraindications to a particular vaccine that are recognized by CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Disease. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant, suspected pregnant, or nursing mothers. The student's provider fills out [Medical Exemption from Immunization Requirements for Adults \(Form 132-M\)](#), and MSDH sends back a Medical Certificate of Exemption (Form 122). Wesson Health Center also accepts a written statement from an OB/GYN. Vaccinations are exempt until pregnancy or nursing is resolved.

Medical Exemptions

- Please submit documentation from a medical provider detailing the reason for a medical exemption or the Form 122 from MSDH.
- Submit this documentation to health@millsaps.edu.

Tuberculosis Screening

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection found most often in the lungs but can spread to other parts of the body. Untreated, it can destroy lung tissue and make breathing difficult or impossible. TB is a particular public health concern because it can spread easily through the air when an infected person speaks, coughs, or sneezes.

Screening for Tuberculosis (TB) is required for **all international students** entering Millsaps College for the first time. A blood test (interferon-gamma release assay, i.e. IGRA) is required and must be done at a United States medical facility/lab or after arrival to campus. Chest x-rays and/or reports from outside the USA will not be accepted.

International students entering Millsaps College for the first time are also required to meet the same immunization requirements as domestic students. See Certificate of Compliance described and linked above. If you have not had the required immunizations or are unable to obtain the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) in your country, contact the Wesson Health Center to learn how you can get the immunizations once you arrive on campus.

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