



## **Immunization Policy**

### A. Purpose of Policy:

1. To comply with New York State Public Health Law §2165 which requires all students taking six (6) semester hours or more in a degree granting program to provide proof of immunization to measles, mumps, and rubella;
2. To comply with New York State Public Health Law §2167 which requires the distribution of information to students regarding meningitis and all students taking six (6) credits or more in a degree granting program to provide a signed response regarding receipt of such information. As a private institution, we have chosen to exceed this requirement by mandating the vaccination as stated below.

### B. To Whom the Policy Applies: This policy applies to all newly admitted students and transfer students.

### C. Policy Statement: *New York State law and/or Union College require that all newly admitted students and transfers:*

1. Provide the College with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that they have received immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella with vaccines that met the standards for such biological products; or evidence of immunity by history of disease or serological evidence. All newly admitted students and transfers must provide evidence of vaccination with two (2) doses of the combined measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, if not immune by history of disease or laboratory titer
2. Provide the College with certification from a health care provider that they have been immunized with the Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, quadravalent (MCV4). They will have received either 2 doses, the first at age 13-15 with a booster at age 16-18 or a single dose at age 16 or older. These recommendations are the most recent from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and are approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). They went into effect December 21, 2010. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, this is now the requirement in NYS under Public Health Law §2164.

### D. Compliance Deadlines:

1. Any student entering the College who has failed to complete the Health Requirements listed on the Health Services Checklist by August 5th for the Fall Term, by week five of the Fall Term for Winter Semester, and by week five of the Winter Term for the Spring Term, will be notified of the necessity to comply with both the immunization laws and the College policy. Those students will be informed of how they can come into compliance with these requirements and, in particular, be advised that measles, mumps, rubella, and meningitis immunization may be administered at the Wicker Wellness Center.
2. Students attending classes more than thirty (30) days from the first day of scheduled classes for that semester without having complied with these requirements, will be subject to being de-enrolled from classes and/or prohibited from entering any campus buildings and facilities, including College residence halls until they have submitted the required documentation or can provide a valid reason (as set forth below in this Policy statement) for non-compliance.



3. New students from outside New York State or outside the United States, who can show that they have made a good faith effort to comply with this Policy, will have forty-five (45) days from the start of the semester to fulfill the requirements. Any such students who fail to comply with the Policy will be de-enrolled from classes and prohibited from entering any campus buildings or facilities, including College residence halls, until compliance has been confirmed.

E. Exception to Immunization Requirement:

1. The exceptions to Section C requirements concerning immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella are as follows:

- a. If a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner certifies that such immunization is detrimental to the student's health or otherwise medically contraindicated;
- b. If immunization is contrary to the student's genuine and sincere religious beliefs; OR
- c. If a student is born prior to January 1, 1957; that student does not need to provide proof of immunization to measles, mumps, and rubella because they are considered to have developed immunity.

F. Procedures: Health Services shall send to each new student who has paid a deposit to attend Union College and each returning student who is not in compliance with any aspect of this Policy all the information, forms, and instructions necessary to come into compliance. Any questions about this policy or procedures should be addressed to:

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