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## Immunization Requirement

### New Jersey Locations (Only)

#### MMR

Subject to certain exemptions listed below, all students enrolled in degree programs at one of Berkeley's New Jersey locations must provide proof of immunization or actual immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Measles: Two doses; the first dose must be administered after the age of 12 months; the second dose must be administered after the age of 15 months and more than 30 days after the first dose.

Mumps: One dose, administered after the age of 12 months.

Rubella: One dose, administered after the age of 12 months.

Note: The MMR combined vaccine counts as one dose of the measles vaccine and satisfies the requirements for mumps and rubella. A second dose of measles vaccine must be administered at least 30 days later.

#### Hepatitis B

Subject to certain exemptions listed below, any new student who enrolls in a degree program at one of Berkeley's New Jersey locations for the first time on or after January 1, 2008 and registers for 12 or more credits must show appropriate proof of immunization or actual immunity against Hepatitis B.

Students to whom this requirement applies must document their receipt of three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine administered within prescribed time frames. (Alternatively, the adolescent two dose series is acceptable if administered between the ages of 11-15.)

#### Meningitis

Subject to certain exemptions listed below, all students enrolled at one of Berkeley's New Jersey locations (or the parent/guardian of a student who is less than 18 years old) must acknowledge in writing that they have received information from the College concerning meningitis and vaccination. In addition, students must furnish proof of immunization against meningitis received within the previous 10 years or acknowledge that they have elected to forego immunization.

#### Special Requirements for Certain Health Studies Programs

Certain programs in the School of Health Studies have their own specific immunization requirements. Students enrolled in the **Medical Assistant**, **Patient Care Technician**, **Practical Nurse**, **Surgical Processing Technician**, and **Surgical Technology** programs should refer to their respective Student Handbook Supplements for program-specific immunization requirements.

#### Exemptions

Students at New Jersey locations who demonstrate to the satisfaction of the College Registrar that they (a) are 31 years of age or older, (b) attended primary or secondary schools in New Jersey (which have the same immunization requirements), or (c) are entitled to an exemption from such requirements for appropriately documented medical or religious reasons are exempt from the requirements described above. Furthermore, the requirements do not apply to students who are enrolled in online classes only. **Please note that exemptions may not be available to Health Studies students who are subject to program-specific immunization requirements.**

### New York Locations (Only)

#### MMR

Subject to certain exemptions listed below, all students enrolled at one of Berkeley's New York locations who were born on or after January 1, 1957 and are taking six or more credits must provide proof of immunization or actual immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Measles: Two doses; the first dose must be administered after the age of 12 months;

the second dose must be administered after the age of 15 months and more than 30 days after the first dose.

Mumps: One dose, administered after the age of 12 months.

Rubella: One dose, administered after the age of 12 months.

Note: The MMR combined vaccine counts as one dose of the measles vaccine and satisfies the requirements for mumps and rubella. A second dose of measles vaccine must be administered at least 30 days later.

### **Meningitis**

Subject to certain exemptions listed below, all students enrolled at one of Berkeley's New York locations are taking six or more credits (or the parent/guardian of a student who is less than 18 years old) must acknowledge in writing that they have received information from the College concerning meningitis and vaccination. In addition, students must furnish proof of immunization against meningitis received within the previous 10 years or acknowledge that they have elected to forego immunization.

**Students seeking to reside in student housing facilities must submit proof of actual immunization against meningitis before keys will be issued.**

### **Exemptions**

Students at New York locations who are taking less than six credits or who demonstrate to the satisfaction of the College Registrar that they are entitled to an exemption from immunization requirements for appropriately documented medical or religious reasons are exempt from the requirements described above. Furthermore, the requirements do not apply to students who are enrolled in online classes only.

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## **All Locations**

### **Acceptable Proof of Immunization**

Every student required to furnish proof of immunization must submit a certificate of immunization signed by a physician or healthcare provider to the Registrar's Department **prior to registering for classes**. In the discretion of the Registrar, serological proof of immunity (laboratory results) or other proof, such as a Student Health Record from a previously attended school or military records, properly documenting the required immunization history may be accepted as adequate proof of such immunization. (New York students relying on military records may be admitted upon demonstrating that they have requested, in writing, the appropriate military records.)

### **Failure to Satisfy Requirements Prior to Registration**

**Students who have not satisfied the College's immunization requirements will not be permitted to register for classes.** For more information concerning immunization requirements, please contact the Registrar Department.

### **Emergency Action**

In the case of a suspected outbreak of disease on campus or under other comparable circumstances, the College shall take any emergency action it deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the Berkeley College community. Such action may include closing facilities, restricting access, or temporarily barring from campus any student whose immunity to disease has not been documented.

The complete student Immunization Policy is available at [BerkeleyCollege.edu/files\\_bc/Immunization\\_Policy.pdf](http://BerkeleyCollege.edu/files_bc/Immunization_Policy.pdf).