Student Immunization Policy

New York State law requires all students born on or after January 1, 1957 who are attending an institution of higher education to show proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. In addition, in accordance with guidelines established by the American College Health Association (www.acha.org), the College has enhanced the requirements in order to ensure the well-being of the campus community.

Requirements for proof of immunity are as follows:

Measles – proof of two measles shots, after one year of age, and at least one month apart; OR physician documentation of measles disease; OR blood test (titer) showing immunity to measles (copy of laboratory report required).

Mumps – proof of two mumps shots, after one year of age, and at least one month apart; OR physician documentation of mumps disease; OR blood test (titer) showing immunity to mumps (copy of laboratory report required).

Rubella – proof of one rubella shot after one year of age; OR blood test (titer) showing immunity to rubella (copy of laboratory report required).

**NOTE:** If you choose to have titers drawn and any of them are negative, you may have a delay of up to thirty days before you can be cleared.

New York State law also requires that all students read an informational letter about meningitis and available vaccine, and to sign and return it to the Health and Wellness Center.

Immunization requirements must be fulfilled prior to the thirtieth calendar day from the first day of class, or students may be disenrolled and/or have a hold placed on their student account. If students are disenrolled for failure to comply, by law, there will be no refunds issued. Please note that if you fax your records, be sure your name and RAM ID # are on each sheet, and that your date of birth and contact information are included. We recommend calling approximately two hours after sending your fax to make sure that your records came through and are legible.

Medical exemptions or deferrals are granted with physician documentation, in accordance with the guidelines of the law. Exemptions are also granted for those submitting documentation of sincere religious beliefs regarding immunizations.

Footnote for students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene, Nursing, or Medical Laboratory Technology programs:

In order for Health Sciences students to be sent to clinical sites for educational training, agencies must be provided with information regarding student health status, including immunizations. Without documented immunity/vaccination, including MMR, varicella, Hepatitis B acknowledgement, Tdap, influenza and PPD, students will be unable to attend clinical rotations and receive the educational training necessary to meet program, licensure, and/or certification requirements. All students are required to meet New York State Hospital Code requirements and agency requirements prior to admission to clinical sites.