



NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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Health & Wellness *Immunization Policy*

In order to comply with Oregon law regarding a second dose measles vaccination for University students, Northwest Christian University has developed the following policy:

Every full-time student born on or after January 1, 1957 must provide the school with evidence of having received two doses of measles vaccine on or after his/her first birthday with a minimum of thirty days between doses. If month and year of the first dose are not available, documentation of the second dose in or after December 1989 must be provided. The dates must be accompanied by the student's signature (parent/guardian signature if under 18).

Students may be exempt from the immunizations if:

1. religion beliefs prohibit immunization - By claiming religious exemption, you are agreeing to complete the College Measles Module and attach obtained certification to your immunization form which can be found through the following link:
<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Pages/non-medical-exemption.aspx#college>
2. a medical condition preventing the use of the vaccine
3. documentation of adequate measles titer (vaccine report) is provided
4. documentation of having had the disease is provided.

This policy will be in effect beginning June 1, 2007. All full-time students entering on or after this date must provide evidence of immunization in order to register for courses.

Northwest Christian University will use the following procedure to assure compliance: Each entering student will be required to present documentation of immunization or legitimate exemption, either by mail or in person to the Office of Admission located on the 2nd floor of the Morse Event Center before registration. The documentation must be signed by the student (parent/guardian signature if under 18).

Northwest Christian will communicate policy and procedure regarding immunizations to incoming students through the Admission Office, Residence Life, and in the Student Handbook. The Office of Student Life will provide the Registrar and with a list of students who have not proved evidence of compliance. Students who are not in compliance will have a hold placed on their registration until they provide a completed "Immunization Form".

Risks of Non-Immunization

Immunization is a safe and effective way to protect you against vaccine preventable diseases that can hurt, cripple and even kill. The following three contagious diseases can spread rapidly among non-immunized individuals in a group situation, such as a University campus.

1. **MEASLES** is a serious disease characterized by rash and moderate to high fever. It can lead to pneumonia, serious ear infections, deafness, convulsions, inflammation of the brain and even death. The severe complications develop in one out of every 1,000 cases; one in ten of such complicated cases will result in death.
2. **RUBELLA** or German Measles is an infectious viral disease characterized by mild fever and rash. The major risk is to non-immune women who catch the disease early in pregnancy. Such women are likely to have a baby with serious birth defects.
3. **MUMPS** is an acute viral disease characterized by fever and by swelling and tenderness of one or more salivary glands. The most common complications are acute inflammation of the testicles (15-20%), ovaries (10-15%), and pancreas. Other severe complications of the disease include deafness from secondary ear infections (1 per 15,000 cases), meningoencephalitis (3.5 per 1,000 cases), and death (1-3.5 per 10,000 cases).

Individuals with religious or medical exemptions(s) (except a verified history of disease or blood test which shows immunity to measles) are not protected against disease(s). In the event of an outbreak, individuals with a religious or medical exemption for the particular disease may be excluded from the University under the direction of the Assistant Dean of Students and/or a local Health Office.



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IMMUNIZATION FORM



Oregon law requires proof of immunization be provided for two doses of measles-containing vaccine or a religious or medical exemption be signed prior to attendance at a college or university. This information is being collected on behalf of the Oregon Department of Human Services, Immunization Program and may be released to the Department or the local Public Health Authority by the institution upon request of the Department. Please list immunizations in the order they were received.

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Birthdate

Telephone Number

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Alternate Contact Number

Measles-containing Vaccines		
	DOSE 1 (mm/yyyy)	DOSE 2 (mm/yyyy)
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)		
Measles vaccine only		
MMR No Date for Dose 1, Dose 2 received after December 1989 (& born after 01/01/1957)		

Age exemption for measles

Please indicate your date of birth, if born before 1957:

Month /Day /Year

EXEMPTIONS: Please initial one of the following to claim exempt.

- My measles (rubella) titer report is attached, indicating I am immune to measles.
- A signed physician statement is attached, indicating I had the measles (rubella) and the date of infection.
- A signed physician statement is attached, verifying I have a medical reason for not receiving the immunization.
- My religious beliefs prohibit my use of the immunizations.*

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Signature

Date