I. PURPOSE & INTENT

In order to ensure the health and wellbeing of the entire community, The University of South Florida System (USF System) requires the following immunizations, prior to registration.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE PROOF OF IMMUNITY (defined in Sec. D. below) AS FOLLOWS:

   MEASLES: Proof of Immunity.
   RUBELLA: Proof of Immunity.
   HEPATITIS B: Proof of Immunity or signed waiver declining the vaccine.
   MENINGITIS: Proof of Immunity or signed waiver declining the vaccine.

B. STUDENTS RESIDING IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING:

University Housing and Residential Education may restrict access to on campus housing or remove a person from assigned housing for failure to comply with the vaccination requirements at any time.

C. IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM

All students must complete and sign the USF Immunization History Form or provide supporting documentation and electronic signature on their student account.

D. PROOF OF IMMUNITY

Students must provide Proof of Immunity for each disease as follows:
1. **MEASLES:**

   a. Medical documentation of immunization with **TWO (2) DOSES** of live measles virus vaccine on or after the first birthday and administered at least 28 days apart. Persons vaccinated with killed, or an unknown vaccine, prior to 1968 must be revaccinated. Persons born before 1957 may be considered to have had a natural infection, and therefore meet the proof of immunity requirement. The documented date of immunization for measles should indicate the day, month, and year. However, month and year will suffice if the month and year indicate that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth, **OR**

   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of measles immunity (IgG rubeola titer), **OR**

   c. A written, dated statement signed by a physician on his/her stationery that specifies the date seen and stating that the person has had an illness characterized by a generalized rash lasting three (3) or more days, a fever of 101˚ Fahrenheit or greater, a cough, and conjunctivitis, and, in the physician's opinion, is diagnosed to have had the 10 day measles (rubeola).

2. **RUBELLA:**

   a. Medical documentation of immunization with live rubella virus vaccine on, or after, the first birthday. Persons born before 1957 may be considered to have had a natural infection, and therefore meet the proof of immunity requirement. The documented date of immunization for rubella should indicate the day, month, and year. However, month and year will suffice if the month and year indicate that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth, **OR**

   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubella immunity (IgG rubella titer).

3. **HEPATITIS B:**

   a. Medical documentation of immunization with 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, **OR**

   b. Copy of laboratory (serologic) evidence of Hepatitis B immunity (anti-HBs titer), **OR**

   c. Signed declination (waiver) of the vaccine.

4. **MENINGITIS:**

   a. Medical documentation of immunization with Meningitis vaccine at age 16 or later, **OR**

   b. Signed declination (waiver) of the vaccine.
E. **EXEMPTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **RELIGIOUS:** Students may request an exemption due to religious beliefs from the general immunization requirements by contacting USF Student Health Services.

2. **MEDICAL:** Requests for temporary or permanent medical exemptions must be submitted to USF Student Health Services by the attending physician and must include reason for exemption and duration of exemption.

3. **ON-LINE COURSES:** Students registered in 100% on-line courses may be exempt from the requirements of this Policy. However, if a student registers for any on-campus course at any time, the immunization requirements of this Policy will be in effect for all future courses.

   In the event of a disease outbreak, students exempted from immunization requirements may be requested by the University, at the direction of public health officials, to show titer Proof of Immunity, become immunized, or remain off campus for the duration of the outbreak. All requests for exemptions will be reviewed to ensure consistency in application.

F. **CONSEQUENCES:**

Students who fail to comply with the requirements as stated above will be blocked from registration, may be referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities, restricted from on-campus housing assignment, and/or may be subject to a registration hold. In specific circumstances a temporary override may be granted, however, vaccination requirements must be completed before further registration in subsequent terms will be permitted and current registration may be suspended if any deficiency in immunization status is identified.

**Current Responsible Office***: Student Affairs and Student Success

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.

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