

## Proof of Immunity

Greenville University, in practicing best medical practices and in compliance with Illinois law, requires that students demonstrate proof of immunity with respect to measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

All dates must include Month, Day and Year – if it cannot otherwise be determined that the specific vaccine(s) was administered at the minimally acceptable age or dosage interval.

Proof of immunity may be provided by a copy of the student's Certificate of Child Health Examination from your school (high school or college) or your doctor which provides the complete information necessary to assure compliance with the Act. The Certificate of Child Health Examination must be reviewed for compliance and completed and signed by a health care provider.

The items on the required <u>Certificate of Immunity</u> must be completed and signed by a health care provider (a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, M.D. or D.O., a local health authority, registered nurse employed by a school, college, university, or a Department recognized vaccine provider).

All laboratory evidence of immunity must be accompanied by a copy of the laboratory report.

History of rubella disease is not acceptable as proof of immunity.

All live virus vaccines must have been given on or after the first birthday.

Mumps titer is only acceptable as proof of immunity if the laboratory test used was a neutralization, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA or EIA) or radical hemolysis antibody test. A four-fold rise in antibody titer between appropriately spaced acute and convalescent sera is also acceptable.

## **Required Immunizations**

These must have official documentation:

- 1. Two childhood doses of DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus) or any combination of these single antigens with an additional booster within the last 10 years is required.
- 2. Students must provide documentation of two live measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccines after their first birthday. Receipt or combination of single antigens will need to be discussed with a medical professional at Student Health Services.

## Immunization Exemption

By Illinois State law, a student may be exempt from immunizations for one of only two reasons: medical or religious. Medical exemptions must be explained and signed by a physician (MD, DO, PA, NP). A medical exemption is for the following:

- 1. Medical Contraindications A written, signed and dated statement from a physician stating the specific vaccine or vaccines contraindicated and duration or medical condition that contraindicates the vaccine(s).
- 2. Pregnancy or Suspected Pregnancy A signed statement from a physician stating the student is pregnant or pregnancy is suspected.

Religious Exemption – A written, signed and dated statement by the student (or parent/guardian if the student is a minor) describing his/her objection to immunization on the grounds that they conflict with the tenet and practices of a recognized church or religious organization, of which the student is an adherent or member. The exemption form is part of the required entrance requirements.

Anyone with a vaccine exemption may be excluded from the college/university in the event of a measles, rubella, mumps or diphtheria outbreak in accordance with public health recommendations.

All records not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation.