

IMMUNIZATION POLICY
State University System of Florida

I. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

As a prerequisite to matriculation or registration, the State University System requires:

1. **All students born after 1956** to present documented proof of immunity to rubeola (also known as measles, red measles, or ten-day measles) and;
2. **All students less than 40 years of age** to present documented proof of immunity to rubella.

II. ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION

A. RUBEOLA

Students can be considered immune to rubeola only if they have *documentation of at least one of the following*:

1. Documentation of immunization with TWO (2) doses of live virus vaccine on or after the first birthday. **Persons vaccinated with killed or an unknown vaccine prior to 1968 must be revaccinated.** Persons born before 1957 may be considered to have had natural infection and therefore do not need rubeola vaccines. The two rubeola vaccines must be at least 30 days apart.
2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubeola immunity (titer).
3. A written, dated statement signed by a physician on his/her stationery which specifies the date seen and states that the person has had an illness characterized by a generalized rash lasting three (3) or more days, a fever of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, a cough and conjunctivitis, and, in the physician's opinion, is diagnosed to have had the ten-day rubeola (measles).

B. RUBELLA

Students can be considered immune to rubella only if they have *documentation of one of the following*:

1. Documentation of immunization with live rubella virus vaccine on or after the first birthday.
2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubella immunity. (titer)

*** Note: Having had the disease **does not** prove immunity. For both rubeola and rubella, acceptable documentation as above must be from a health care provider such as your physician, clinic, health department records, military immunization records, or from your high school or college/university records, etc.

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. If a student has no documentation of any dose of rubeola vaccine, vaccines should be given prior to entry and the second dose no less than thirty (30) days and no more than three (3) months later. It is recommended that both doses of rubeola vaccine be given as combined measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) Vaccine.
2. The documented date of immunization for both rubeola and rubella should include the day, month and year. However, only month and year will suffice as long as the month and year show that the immunization was given at least 13 months after month of birth.
3. It is recommended that those students who cannot provide an immunization date after extended research, those who present questionable immunization dates, and those with a questionable diagnosis of rubeola, be vaccinated (revaccinated) prior to the time of registration.
4. Students who graduated from high school in the last five years may be able to get a copy of their school immunization records from their high school. Students who were immunized in Florida but are unable to obtain records from the school may be able to get records from the Public Health Department in that area.
5. If vaccination, revaccination, or lab test (titer) is needed, you may go to your county health department or to your physician or clinic or the UWF Student Health Center (Building 63).
6. All immunizations should be given in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Center for Disease Control.
7. Exceptions to this policy may be granted in the event of valid medical contraindications or for documented religious reasons. In the event of a measles emergency, these exempted students will be excluded from campus activities, until such time as is specified by the County Public Health Unit Director/Administrator.

IV. WHERE TO SEND OR BRING DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of immunity may be presented in person, by mail or by fax to:

The University of West Florida
Student Health Center Bldg. 63
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514-5750

Phone: (850) 474-2172 or 476-4969 (ask for immunizations)
Fax: (850) 857-6100 (fax your records)

*** If mailing or faxing, be sure to include your name, birth date, UWF ID number, address and telephone number. Photocopies are acceptable. You are responsible for keeping a copy of your immunization records for future reference. Originals will not be returned!