

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, COOKEVILLE**

**CHAPTER 0240-09-04  
STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**0240-09-04-.01 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Unless otherwise exempted by this rule or by other law, all full-time students admitted to Tennessee Technological University ("Tennessee Tech") must provide health information to Tennessee Tech that establishes the student's compliance with the recommended immunization schedule for measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella for adults, issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (2) Unless otherwise exempted by this rule or by other law, all students under the age of Twenty-Two (22) who reside in Tennessee Tech residential facilities must provide proof of adequate immunization against meningococcal disease as recommended for adults by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (3) Unless otherwise exempted by this rule or by other law, no new incoming student will be allowed to move into campus housing without providing proof of adequate immunization as required by statute.
- (4) Acceptable forms or proof of immunization
  - (a) General proof of immunization
    1. Proof of prior or current military service shall be considered proof of the recommended immunizations.
    2. If allowed by law or Department of Health rule or guideline, students with proof of graduation from a Tennessee high school after a certain date shall not be required to submit evidence of the recommended immunizations, except as required by law.
    3. Any other proof deemed acceptable by regulation or statute.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 49-7-124(g). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed October 8, 2018; effective January 6, 2019.

**0240-09-04-.02 DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO SPECIFIC ILLNESSES.**

- (1) Varicella
  - (a) Documentation of two (2) doses of varicella-containing vaccine administered at least twenty-eight (28) days apart; or
  - (b) Laboratory evidence of immunity; or

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- (c) A history verified by a physician, advanced practice nurse, physician's assistant, or health department of varicella disease; or
  - (d) Any other regulatory or statutory requirement.
- (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- (a) Documentation of two (2) doses of vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella administered at least twenty-eight (28) days apart and no earlier than four (4) days before the first birthday; or
  - (b) Laboratory evidence of immunity; or
  - (c) Any other regulatory or statutory requirement.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 49-7-124(g). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed October 8, 2018; effective January 6, 2019.

**0240-09-04-.03 EXEMPTIONS.**

- (1) Students enrolling in a course of study that is exclusively online and does not involve any experiential component shall not be asked to provide immunization information.
- (2) Varicella – Students born before January 1, 1980 are not required to present proof of adequate immunization against varicella.
- (3) MMR – Students born before January 1, 1957 are not required to present proof of adequate immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella.
- (4) Students may be exempted
  - (a) Where a physician licensed by the board of medical examiners, the board of osteopathic examiners, or a health department certifies in writing that a particular vaccine is contraindicated for one of the following reasons:
    - 1. The student meets the criteria for contraindication set forth in the manufacturer's vaccine package insert; or
    - 2. The student meets the criteria for contraindication published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; or
    - 3. In the best professional judgment of the physician, based upon the student's medical condition and history, the risk of harm from the vaccine outweighs the potential benefit.
  - (b) Where a parent or guardian, or, in the case of an adult student, the student, provides the school with a written statement, affirmed under the penalties of perjury, that the vaccination conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the parent or guardian or, in the case of an adult student, the student.
- (5) Any other regulatory, statutory, or legal exemption.

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**0240-09-04-.04 OTHER REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any applicant enrolling in a school of nursing, laboratory technology, or any other allied health profession must present proof of compliance with the immunization schedule for healthcare personnel issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 49-7-124(g). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed October 8, 2018; effective January 6, 2019.

**0240-09-04-.05 INFORMATION PROVIDED TO STUDENTS.**

- (1) Tennessee Tech will provide each new incoming student with detailed information concerning the risk factors for hepatitis B infection and meningococcal meningitis and the availability and effectiveness of vaccine for persons who are at risk of the disease.
- (2) Each new incoming student must return a completed waiver form indicating that Tennessee Tech has provided the information required in this section.

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