

**RULES
OF
UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**

**CHAPTER 0240-10-01
STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

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0240-10-01-.01 PURPOSE.

- (1) The purpose of this section is to establish a uniform policy for immunization requirements for students of the University of Memphis (“the University”). These rules are subject to any superseding federal or state law and are not to be construed as limiting the University in other areas.

Authority: T.C.A. § 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.02 GENERAL EXEMPTIONS.

- (1) The following students are exempted from all immunization requirements:
- (a) Students enrolling in a course of study that is exclusively online and does not involve any experiential component.
 - (b) Students enrolled in a dual enrollment program offered on the site of a local education authority or secondary school.
 - (c) Students may be exempted 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 (1) 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 (CDC) or the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); 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.
 - (d) Where a parent or guardian, or, in the case of an adult student, the student, provides the University 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.
 - (e) Any other regulatory, statutory, or legal exemption.

(Rule 0240-10-01-.02, continued)

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-124(c) and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.03 MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR).

- (1) General requirement: All full-time students admitted to the University must provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps, and rubella prior to class registration.
- (2) Exemptions: In addition to the general exemptions in 0240-10-01-.02, the following students are exempted from the MMR immunization requirement:
 - (a) Students born before January 1, 1957;

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-124(g) and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.04 VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX).

- (1) General requirement: All full-time students admitted to the University must provide proof of immunization for varicella prior to class registration.
- (2) Exemptions: In addition to the general exemptions in 0240-10-01-.02, the following students are exempted from the Varicella immunization requirement
 - (a) Students born before January 1, 1980;

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-124(g) and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.05 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.

- (1) All students under the age of twenty-two (22) who reside in University residential facilities must provide proof of adequate immunization against meningococcal disease as required by state and/or federal law. Students who fail to provide proof of adequate immunization will not be allowed to move into University residence halls unless they have a valid exemption.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-124(g) and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.06 HEPATITIS B.

- (1) Hepatitis B immunizations are not required but are strongly recommended. All new incoming students will be provided with information concerning hepatitis B disease in accordance with state law and regulation.
- (2) During the registration process each new incoming student will complete a waiver form indicating receipt of the information and acknowledging that the University has provided the information required in this section.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-125 and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.07 COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

- (1) All students admitted into the College of Nursing or any allied health professions program must also have the following vaccinations in accordance with current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, subject to immunization exemptions:
 - (a) Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
 - (b) Polio
 - (c) Influenza
 - (d) Hepatitis B
 - (e) Any other immunization required for healthcare personnel as issued by the CDC.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-7-124(g) and 49-8-203(a)(1)(E). **Administrative History:** Original rules filed March 18, 2019; effective June 16, 2019.

0240-10-01-.08 PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION.

- (1) Proof of immunization may include:
 - (a) Completed Certificate of Immunization form signed by a health care provider;
 - (b) Official health department or medical provider immunization card or shot record;
 - (c) Military form DD214;
 - (d) Active Military – ID must be provided;
 - (e) Official documentation from a prior college or university; or
 - (f) Any other proof deemed appropriate by the Student Health Center and allowed by state law or regulation.

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