



## POLICY STATEMENT 72 STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### POLICY DIGEST

Monitoring Unit: Student Health Center

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### I. PURPOSE

To establish an immunization policy and related procedures for all students and to define adequate immunization, exemptions, and proof of these requirements as mandated by Louisiana law.

The following list reflects the various diseases that require evidence of immunity for or immunization against, unless an exemption request has been provided to the university in writing:

**Rubeola (Measles)** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of two doses of measles vaccine (or combination vaccines containing measles vaccine) given at least one month apart, in 1968 or later, and after one year of age, or documentation of immunity or past disease by a statement from a physician or a serologic test.

**Mumps** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of mumps vaccine, documentation of immunity by serologic test or documentation of past disease by a physician or other health care provider.

**Rubella (German Measles)** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of rubella vaccine or documentation of immunity by serologic test or documentation of past disease by a physician or other health care provider.

**Tetanus** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of tetanus immunization within the last ten years.

**Diphtheria** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of diphtheria immunization within the last ten years.

**Meningococcal** – Proof from a health care provider of administration of Menactra vaccine after the age of 16 or Menomune vaccine within the past year.

Proof of immunization is defined as a written statement from a physician, public health clinic, or other health care provider stating the dates of immunization or occurrence of disease, or date and result of antibody titers.

### II. GENERAL POLICY

No student shall enroll for the first time at Louisiana State University without documented proof of adequate immunization for or immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria, and meningococcal meningitis. Undergraduate students returning to LSU after an absence of a semester or more shall be considered to be enrolling for the first time for purposes of this policy. Graduate students returning to LSU after an absence of three semesters or more shall also be considered to be enrolling for the first time for purposes of this policy. This policy excludes students matriculating only in off-campus, LSU Online, or continuing education/extension courses and degree only candidates. Exemptions from immunization requirements are permitted for medical, religious, or other personal reasons.

Pursuant to Louisiana Law [R.S. 17:170](#), no person attending or seeking to enter the university shall be required to comply with these provisions including any additional immunization or proof of immunity requirement. This applies to distance learners or if the person or their parent or guardian (if the student is not yet 18 years of age) submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons or a written dissent from the student or their parent or guardian. Any communication issued to persons or their parents or guardians relative to the requirements of Louisiana Law [R.S. 17:170](#) shall include the text and legal citation of R.S. 17:170 E.(1).

Additionally, students born before January 1, 1957 are exempt from the requirement for proof of immunization for or immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. All students to whom this law applies are required to submit proof of immunizations, immunity, or exemption to the Student Health Center after being admitted into the university. Failure to comply with Louisiana Law [R.S. 17:170](#) will cause a student to be ineligible to pay university fees and attend classes until the student complies. Classes may be purged if a student is not in compliance by established deadlines as promulgated by the Office of the University Registrar.

Students who elect exemption from the immunization requirements for medical, religious, or other personal reasons, and students who have not provided proof of adequate immunization or immunity for any other reason may, at the discretion of the President, be required to leave the campus in the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps, or rubella and may be required to remain away from campus until the appropriate incubation period of the disease has expired. An outbreak is defined as one case of measles and numbers of cases of mumps and rubella, as defined by the Surgeon General of the Louisiana Department of Health. Students not immunized may avoid exclusion from the campus by obtaining immunization and furnishing proof thereof.

The President shall have the authority to change the definition of adequate immunization to conform to current state law and to current public health recommendations.

### Tuberculosis Screening

In addition, some students may be required to have skin or blood testing for tuberculosis. Tuberculin skin testing, or an IGRA blood test (QFT Plus or TSPOT), is required for all students who may be at risk for TB infection or disease, as defined by the [American College Health Association Guidelines](#). Categories of high risk students are listed on the LSU immunization form, and include students who have lived or traveled to certain countries/areas of the world (see [Proof of Immunization Compliance Form](#)), students who have been in close

contact with someone with TB, students with a history of alcoholism or IV drug use, students taking immunosuppressive medications, and those who have resided, worked, or volunteered in a prison, homeless shelter, hospital, nursing home, or other long-term treatment facility. Proof from a health care provider of tuberculin skin testing within one year prior to college entrance of high-risk students, as defined by the [American College Health Association Guidelines](#), is required.

### **III. SOURCES**

[R.S. 17:170](#)

[American College Health Association Guidelines](#)

### **IV. APPENDICES**

[Proof of Immunization Compliance Form](#)

[Immunization Exemption Form](#)