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TO: University of West Florida Community

FROM: Morris L. Marx, President

SUBJECT: Immunization Requirements

AUTHORITY: Rule 6C-6.001, F.A.C.

Policy/Purpose: Defines Acceptable Documented Proof of Immunity to Measles and Rubella

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.

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 or more apart. Or,

2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubeola immunity (titer). Or,

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 10-day rubeola measles.

**B. RUBELLA**

Students can be considered immune to rubella only if they have documentation as follows:

1. Documentation of immunization with live rubella virus vaccine on or after the first birthday. Or,

2. Laboratory (serologic) evidence of rubella immunity (titer).

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

Additional information and recommendations

The documented date of immunization for both measles and rubella should include the day, month, and year. However, only the month and year will suffice so long as the month and year show that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth.
Also, since revaccination causes no adverse medical consequences, it is recommended that those students who do not provide an immunization date after extended research, or those who present questionable diagnosis of measles be vaccinated (revaccinated) prior to the time of matriculation/registration. All immunizations should be given in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted in the event of valid medical contraindications or for religious reasons.

Documentation of immunity may be presented in person or by mail to the University Health Center, the University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514. If mailing documentation, it must contain name, birth date and social security number. Photocopies are acceptable. Originals will not be returned.

APPROVED:  
Dr. Morris L. Marx, President  
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