

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY IMMUNIZATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Purpose of Policy and Procedure:

Clarkson University (“Clarkson”) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students with regards to communicable diseases such as Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis, Hepatitis B and Varicella. The University recognizes and accepts its responsibility under applicable state law and adheres to recommendations from the American College Health Association and U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

Information regarding all health requirements are to be completed on Clarkson’s Patient Portal, paper forms are not accepted. Please log into your PeopleSoft account, under your “to do” list you will find any missing requirements. You may follow this link to the Clarkson’s Patient Portal (<https://clarkson.medicatconnect.com/>).

Required Immunizations:

All full-time and part-time students are required to submit a completed Clarkson’s Student Immunization Record to provide proof of immunity to the following at the time of registration and prior to the start of classes.

Measles (rubeola) - Proof of immunity shall consist of one of the following: two immunizations given on or after January 1, 1957, at least 30 days apart, on or after the first birthday; evidence of the disease documented by a physician (MD or DO); or documentation of an adequate immune titer.

Mumps (infectious parotitis) - Proof of immunity shall consist of one of the following: one immunization given on or after January 1, 1957, on or after the first birthday; evidence of the disease documented by a physician (MD or DO); or documentation of an adequate immune titer.

Rubella (German Measles) - Proof of immunity shall consist of one of the following: one immunization given on or after January 1, 1957, on or after the first birthday; evidence of the disease documented by a physician (MD or DO); or documentation of an adequate immune titer.

Meningitis – Proof of one (1) dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine after the age of 16 years old or within 5 years of the start of classes.

Tuberculosis - The required form must be completed and electronically signed (by student over 18, or parent/legal guardian if under 18). If IGRA bloodwork is required, the lab results must be uploaded. If the results of the IGRA bloodwork are positive or indeterminate, you must have a chest x-ray before you arrive on campus and upload the radiology results. Please note, PPDs are only accepted for Graduate Health Professions; all other students must complete IGRA bloodwork if required. (If IGRA blood work is required and not completed prior to admission, the cost to the

student will be \$110; if a chest x-ray is required and not completed prior to arrival the cost will be charged to the student.)

In addition to the above listed required immunizations, Health Science Program Graduate Students will have the following additional requirements:

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis - recent vaccination with combined tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis toxoid within 10 years.

Hepatitis B – Proof of three (3) immunizations or a positive titer.

Varicella – Proof of two (2) immunizations or a positive titer result.

Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) – as well as a TB screening form.

Definition of Student

Part-time student -- Any person enrolled in a minimum of 6 but less than 12 credit hours per semester.

Full-time student -- Any person enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester in undergraduate studies and any graduate student enrolled in 9 or more credit hours per semester.

Deadlines

New and incoming students

- Fall semester - June 30th
- Spring Semester – December 15th

Students who fail to meet these deadlines and to comply with this policy by the start of classes, including but not limited to any failure to supply complete health and immunization records to Clarkson by the established dates, are subject to a "health hold" on the student account preventing class schedule changes, future registration and imposing a \$250 fine. The student will also be subject to the Compliance and Reporting section of this Policy and Procedure.

All students (as defined above) must provide health information to Clarkson's Health Service. Clarkson's Health Services will maintain the records while the student is in continuous attendance at Clarkson.

Medical and Religious Vaccine Exemptions

Clarkson has a process in place for medical and religious vaccine exemptions that follows New York State immunization guidelines.

Students seeking religious exemption from these requirements must comply with applicable state regulations.

- Students under 18 years of age must submit a written statement signed by his/her parents or guardian stating that they hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs contrary to the practice of immunization.
- Students 18 years or older must submit a statement themselves to qualify for religious exemption.
- This statement must describe the beliefs in sufficient detail to permit Clarkson to determine that the beliefs are religious in nature (not philosophical), and sincerely and genuinely held.
- Students that qualify for religious exemption will be required to leave the campus in the event of an outbreak of one or more of these diseases and will remain away from campus for 21 days after the outbreak is over.

Students seeking medical exemption from these requirements must

- Submit medical documentation indicating the reasons for exemption and signed by a licensed medical provider.
- Medical exemptions from this requirement may be granted at the discretion of the Health Service Director for reasons such as pregnancy, history of anaphylaxis, immune-compromised conditions, or other relevant disease states.
- Non-immunized students will, at the discretion of the Health Service Director, be required to leave Clarkson in the event of an outbreak of one or more of these diseases and will remain off campus for 21 days after the outbreak is over.

Any individual enrolled in 5 credit hours per semester or less, who enrolls full-time in the future must, at that time, submit a completed Clarkson's Health Record and meet all other requirements of a full-time student as set forth in this policy. Any individual enrolled in 5 credit hours per semester or less at Clarkson who enrolls part-time in the future must, at that time, meet all the requirements of a part-time student as set forth in this policy.

Compliance and Reporting

New York State students who fail to comply with this policy within 30 days of the beginning of the first term for which they register will not be permitted to attend class and will have their registration put on hold for subsequent semesters until the requirements are met. This requirement is extended to 45 days for out-of-state and foreign students. After the applicable 30 or 45 day grace period, students living in the residence halls and other Clarkson campus housing will be removed from housing until all required health record requirements are met. They may be reinstated upon full compliance and taken off registration "hold".

Reporting

Clarkson complies with the requirement to submit yearly reports of immunization statistics including reports of diagnosis of communicable disease, as they occur, as required by NYS Department of Health regulations.

Student immunization records contain medical information and will be maintained in a confidential manner. Access to these records will be limited to personnel whose job duties require information from these records. No records can be released without the student's written consent or for a student under the age of eighteen, the consent of a parent or guardian. All medical records will be stored for seven years.

Clarkson's Health Service will comply with, uphold and enforce relevant provisions of the New York State Public Health Law, Article 21, Title VI, Section 2165 and 2167 as it pertains to Clarkson University.

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