

NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VACCINATIONS POLICY

Source/Reference: <http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules/1200/1200-14/1200-14.htm> (Chapter 1200-14-01, Communicable and Environmental Diseases, Rule 1200-14-01.29, parts 16, 17, 18).

PURPOSE

To document Nashville State's vaccination requirements for current and prospective students.

POLICY

In accordance with the Tennessee Department of Health rule (1200-14-01.29), unless exempted by law, all new full-time enrollees (minimum of 12 credit hours) who are not full-time distance learning students (taking 100% of courses online) must provide proof of adequate immunization against the diseases listed below. Note: Students may be enrolled or registered after a single dose of all required vaccines provided that the second dose is obtained within 2 months of registration, and at least 28 days after the first dose, and provided, further, that the institution has a procedure for identifying students who have failed to obtain the necessary immunizations and for taking appropriate action to ensure compliance. Students who can provide proof of military service are exempt from providing vaccinations.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)

Proof of adequate immunization to measles, mumps, and rubella is required by meeting one of the following three criteria:

- Date of birth before 1957, or
- Documentation of 2 doses vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella given at least 28 days apart, excluding doses given earlier than 4 days before the first birthday, or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity.

Varicella (Chickenpox)

Proof of immunity to varicella (chickenpox) is required by meeting one of the following four criteria:

- Date of birth on or before January 1, 1980, or
- A history of varicella disease verified by a physician, advanced practice nurse, physician's assistant or health department, or
- Documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart, excluding doses given earlier than 4 days before the first birthday, or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity.

Hepatitis B

Effective July 1, 2011, unless exempted by law, any student enrolled in a higher education institution who is a health science student expected to have patient contact shall present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact begins.

For purposes of this paragraph adequate immunization is defined as:

- A complete hepatitis B vaccine series; or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity or infection.

***Exemptions allowable by Law**

An individual may be exempted from the requirements of this section only under the following circumstances:

- Where a physician licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners or a Health Department determines that a particular vaccine is contraindicated for one of the following reasons:
 - The individual meets the criteria for contraindication set forth in the manufacturer's vaccine package insert; or
 - The individual meets the criteria for contraindication published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control or the ACIP;
 - In the best professional judgment of the physician, based upon the individual's medical condition and history, the risk of harm from the vaccine outweighs the potential benefit.

An individual who has been exempted from a particular vaccination must comply with immunization requirements for any vaccines from which he/she has not been exempted.

Where a parent or guardian, or in the case of an adult student, the student, provides to the school a written statement, affirmed under penalties of perjury, that vaccination conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the parent or guardian, or in the case of an adult student, the student. Where a parent or guardian, or in the case of an adult student, the student, provides to the school a written statement, affirmed under penalties of perjury, that vaccination conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the parent or guardian, or in the case of an adult student, the student.