

Frequently Asked Questions: University of Pittsburgh Data and Immunization Record

1. Do I need to send photocopies or official proof of my immunizations?

No. You can simply record the immunization dates on our on-line form and hard copy forms. We do not require any copies of your records. However, if any part of the form is not clear, or if your own records are not clear, you may send us a copy of your records and we can input the information ourselves.

2. Do I need to have my doctor fill this form out?

No. If you have kept copies of your records, you may fill the form out yourself. If your doctor has your records, he or she may fill out the form, but it is not a requirement to have a medical professional complete the form.

3. As an incoming student, do I need a physical examination?

No. The University of Pittsburgh does not require a physical examination for incoming students.

4. I had my first series of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) when I was a baby. When is it acceptable to have a booster or second series of MMR?

Your second booster or series of MMR can be received at any time, as long as it is at least 30 days after your first inoculation (must be minimum of twelve months of age). A MMR date that is within 30 days of the first date is not valid.

5. I have been accepted as a student for the fall semester. Can I receive treatment at the Student Health Service before school starts?

The Student Health Service is only permitted to treat *registered* full or part-time students. Student Health will provide services for the fall semester at least two weeks prior to the start of classes. We encourage future students and their families to visit our office and ask questions so they fully understand how the Student Health Service operates.

6. Are Menomune or Menactra, the meningitis vaccines, required?

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandates that any student living in University-owned housing is required to either receive the vaccine or sign a waiver acknowledging the risks of the disease.

7. I can't find my records. Where should I look?

Your primary and/or your high school should have records of your immunizations. You can also ask your family physician or pediatrician for copies of records.

8. "I can't find my records anywhere." OR, "My records were lost." OR, "My records were destroyed." OR, "My pediatrician/high school no longer has my records." Do I have to get another series of MMR? If so, where can I get them?

Yes, the University will require another series of MMR vaccines. Your family physician or local health department should be able to give you your immunizations. If not, you can also get them when you arrive in the fall. Student Health offers the MMR vaccine.

9. What happens if I don't turn in my immunizations?

Your first semester will not be affected. *However, if you fail to turn in your records or if you have incomplete records, you may be prohibited from registering for the following semester.*

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