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HEALTH RECORD GENERAL POLICY STUDENTS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/IMMUNIZATIONS POLICY

Each full-time matriculated student at Neumann University is asked to submit a health examination form reporting on one's medical history and health evaluation by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner. The health evaluation includes tuberculin skin test, certain laboratory tests, and documentation of required immunizations.

At the time an admitted student pays a deposit to the University, information on how to complete the health form is provided to each applicant, with a request that completed forms be returned to the Health Services office prior to new student move-in for resident students and the start of classes for commuter students.

In Student Health Services, the above forms are filed and secured. Records are retained pursuant to **PA 1.101 Omnibus Record Retention Policy**.

Part-time and non-matriculated students are encouraged to submit information on their health history on an annual basis.

Additional health documentation is required for students in the Nursing, Health Sciences, Physical Therapy and Clinical Laboratory Science programs. See Policy - Health Professions: Annual Physicals.

Communicable Diseases: Immunizations

Consistent with recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following immunizations must be completed **by all students**, and documentation provided to the University, prior to enrollment:

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (two doses)

Effective 1991, the Pennsylvania Department recommends that persons born after 1957 have a blood titer to confirm immunity against rubella; or a booster of the vaccine if there is lack of laboratory evidence of immunity.

Tuberculin Skin Testing (PPD)*

Tuberculin skin testing is required for all entering students within one year of admission.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis

TDAP replaces the TD and a booster administered every 10 years.

Hepatitis B

Three doses required.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Two doses required or date of disease.

Meningococcal Meningitis

Two doses required.

Polio

Four doses required.

COVID-19

One or two doses are required depending on the vaccine that was administered.

Requirements Specific to Majors

Nursing and Health Sciences (Athletic Training, Nursing, Physical Therapy)

In order to safeguard the health of students who enter the health professions, and to protect those for whom they provide care, students are required to obtain a complete physical examination, specific laboratory tests, immunizations, and tuberculin skin testing (TST, PPD)* at stated intervals throughout the program. Each program distributes specific directions and deadlines. Failure to comply with health requirements will prohibit participation in the program.

The Nursing Program has established guidelines for participating in clinical and laboratory experiences when a student is pregnant in order to safeguard her health and that of her unborn baby.

Clinical Laboratory Science

In addition to the initial physical examination upon entrance to the University, a repeat physical examination during the Junior year, prior to the beginning of the clinical experience. This includes the tuberculin skin test (TST, PPD)* and specific laboratory tests.

Education

In addition to the initial physical examination upon entrance to the University, an annual tuberculin skin test (TST, PPD)* is required before field experiences and/or teaching practice.

*Students with positive skin testing for tuberculosis must comply with the screening and treatment protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control in order to participate in their specific academic program.

Immunization Exemptions

If an exemption is being requested for the following reasons: medical, or religious or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief, please contact Student Health Services. Students will be required to submit accompanying documentation to support their requested exemption. All documentation will be reviewed by Student Health Services for approval.

As to vaccination against meningococcal disease, a student is permitted to reside in student housing without receiving that vaccination for religious or other reasons only after the University provides detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and the effectiveness of any vaccine, and the student (or guardian) signs a waiver consistent with Pennsylvania law.