

## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

North Carolina State law (G.S. 130A-155.1.) and Wake Forest University policy require documentation of certain immunizations for students attending Wake Forest. Students must submit certification of the immunizations set forth below or request and receive approval for a medical or religious exemption **PRIOR TO REGISTRATION**. *Documentation of required immunizations should be on or attached to the completed "Health Information & Immunization Form" provided by the Student Health Service* in order to assure correct identification of the student. The form is located at [shs.wfu.edu/forms/](https://shs.wfu.edu/forms/). Acceptable documentation is a statement signed by the appropriate official(s) having custody of the records of immunization, such as a physician, county health department director. This Immunization Policy applies to all students except those registered in off campus courses only, attending night or weekend classes, or taking a course load of four (4) credit hours or less. Students requesting a medical exemption must complete and submit the University's [Medical Exemption Request Form](#). The Form must be signed by the student's physician. To request a religious exemption, the student must write a statement of their bona fide religious objection to immunization, including the name and date of birth of the person for whom the exemption is being requested. This statement should be submitted to the Student Health Service in place of an immunization record.

This policy may be amended by Wake Forest University at any time and without prior notice.

### **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:**

1. **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis.** Students must document three doses of a combined tetanus diphtheria vaccine (DTaP, Td, or Tdap) of which one must be a Tdap. The latest dose must have been within 10 years of entering the University.
2. **Rubeola (Measles).** Students must document two doses of live virus measles vaccine given at least 28 days apart, on or after their first birthday unless (a) they were born prior to January 1, 1957 or (b) they have documentation of a titer indicating they are immune, or (c) they have documentation by a physician (or designee) as having had measles prior to January 1, 1994.
3. **Rubella (German measles).** Students must document that they have had one dose of live virus rubella vaccine on or after their first birthday unless (a) they have documentation of a titer indicating they are immune, or (b) they will be fifty years old before they enroll. History of the disease is not acceptable.
4. **Mumps.** Students must document two doses of live virus mumps vaccine given at least 28 days apart, on or after their first birthday unless (a) they were born before January 1, 1957 or (b) they have documentation of a titer indicating they are immune. History of the disease is not acceptable.
5. **Polio.** Students must document that they have had 3 doses of trivalent polio vaccine if they are less than 18 years of age when they enroll. One of these doses must be after the age of 4 years.
6. **Hepatitis B.** Students are required to document 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine if born on or after July 1, 1994. The first and second doses must be at least 28 days apart. The third dose must be at least 56 days (or 8 weeks) after the second dose and at least 16 weeks after the first dose; the third dose cannot be given any earlier than 24 weeks of age. Regardless of age Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for all students.
7. **Meningococcal Vaccine.** Undergraduate students must document one dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menveo or Menactra) after age 16.
8. **Varicella Vaccine.** Students must document two doses of varicella vaccine if born on or after April 1, 2001. The first dose must be on or after first birthday. Doses must be at least 28 days apart. An individual (a) who has laboratory confirmation of varicella disease immunity, or (b) who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against varicella, or (c) who has documentation from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant verifying history of varicella disease is not required to receive varicella vaccine.
9. **Tuberculosis test (PPD or TB blood test).** Is required within 6 months of the University registration date for (a) students who may have been exposed to tuberculosis or has signs or symptoms of active tuberculosis disease or (b) students who have lived more than 30 days in a country *other than* those designated as low risk for tuberculosis by Centers for Disease Control (CDC). If the student's tuberculosis test is positive chest x-ray results and record of treatment must be documented.

**Immunizations required under North Carolina law and this policy must be documented within thirty days following registration. Students who fail to comply with this policy and who have not been approved for an exemption will not be permitted to attend in-person classes, reside in University housing, or participate in in-person activities until such time as they satisfactorily comply. No refunds of tuition, housing, dining, and all other fees and charges will be issued for the period of time when the student was not permitted to attend classes, reside in University housing, and access campus due to non-compliance with this policy. Students who officially withdraw from the University will be given refunds in accordance with the applicable Refund Policy.** Please note that some immunization series require several months for completion.

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***STRONGLY RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS:***

These vaccines are strongly recommended for the prevention of these respiratory viruses that are very disruptive to class attendance and campus activity and for the prevention of more serious infections that could result in hospitalization and very rarely death.

1. **Influenza Vaccine**– One dose received on an annual basis.
2. **COVID-19 Vaccine** - A completed primary series of an FDA approved vaccine **and** a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, or international mRNA equivalent) based upon current CDC recommendations. Students who have only received two doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine are strongly encouraged to receive a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, or international mRNA equivalent). Alternatively, international students are encouraged to complete a series of a World Health Organization Emergency Use Listed vaccine **and** a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, or international mRNA equivalent).

***RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS:***

1. **Meningococcal Vaccine** – For Graduate and Professional Students under age 22. (This vaccine is required for undergraduate students as noted above.) The CDC recommends routine vaccination with quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine at age 11 or 12 years, with a booster dose at age 16 years. For adolescents who receive their first dose at age 13-15 years, a one-time booster dose should be administered after age 16 years. Persons who receive their first dose at age 16 years do not need a booster dose.
2. **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV/Gardasil)** – A three-dose series is recommended for all students to help prevent this common sexually transmitted virus that causes genital warts and cervical cancer
3. **Pneumovax** - A vaccine which prevents illness from a strain of bacteria that can cause pneumonia and death. This vaccine is recommended for individuals 19 and older who have asthma or smoke. It is also recommended for those ages 2-64 with any of the following conditions: diabetes, sickle cell disease, lung disease, cochlear implants, CSF leaks, or conditions or medication which lower resistance to infection.
4. **Hepatitis A** – A two-dose series is recommended for prevention of hepatitis due to this virus which can be found in contaminated food or water. It is particularly important for all who anticipate international travel.