

**Academic Year 2020-21
Immunization Entry
Requirements**



Vermont's Immunization Rule applies to all full-time undergraduate students, and any student enrolled in an allied health science program.

Upon matriculation an official immunization record must be presented to the student health center. Students can obtain these records from primary care provider's offices, previously attended schools, or State Immunization Registries. Failure to submit necessary documentation may delay registration for classes.

Students must provide documentation of the following vaccinations:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine. If the student has previously had chickenpox disease no vaccine or exemption is needed. Submit documentation of disease or sign the [Health Department form](#)
- 1 or 2 doses of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). This requirement is for first year students living in dormitories who are younger than age 22. Only those vaccinated before their 16th birthday need a second dose before college entry.

In the past 20 years, the overall incidence of meningococcal disease has decreased 10 - fold, due in part to the effectiveness of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY), recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 2005. However, serogroup B is now the primary cause of meningococcal disease and outbreaks in young adults. Although a vaccine specific to serogroup B (MenB) is available, it isn't routinely recommended or required at this time. Students should review the need for MenB vaccine with their primary care provider.

An exemption for one or more immunizations based on medical or religious reasons is allowed under the rule. An exemption form must be completed and submitted in lieu of vaccination records to the student health center. This [form](#) is available at the Health Department's website: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/k-12-school-nurses-and-administrators>