

# Required Immunizations for Rowan Students

## ROWAN UNIVERSITY POLICY

**Title:** *Required Immunizations for Rowan Students*

**Subject:** *Student Life*

**Policy No:** *SL: 2016:11*

**Applies:** *University-Wide*

**Issuing Authority:** *President*

**Responsible Officer:** *Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Adopted:** *08/11/2016*

**Last Revision:** *08/01/19*

**Last Reviewed:** *08/01/19*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the required immunizations applicable to the degree seeking Rowan University students.

### II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under the direction of the President, all departments shall comply with the implementation of this policy.

### III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all Rowan University students. Rowan College South Jersey (RCSJ) students must submit required immunizations to RCSJ. Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) students must submit required immunizations to CMSRU. Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) student must submit required immunizations to RowanSOM.

### IV. REFERENCES

1. [ACIP Immunization Recommendations](#)
2. [J.A.C. Chapter 57 Communicable Diseases Subchapter 6](#)

### V. POLICY

1. The State of New Jersey has three immunization requirements that pertain to students at Rowan University:
  - a. Proof of Immunization against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (2 MMR vaccines) for all students. Titers showing immunity may be submitted in lieu of immunizations.
  - b. Proof of Immunization against Hepatitis B (3 Hepatitis B vaccines) for students taking 12 or more credit hours. Titers showing immunity may be submitted in lieu of immunizations.
  - c. Proof of vaccination against Meningococcal Meningitis (Menactra™ or Menveo™ vaccine) for students residing in campus housing. All new, incoming students who plan to live in campus housing must show proof of vaccination against meningococcal meningitis within the past 5 years prior to living on campus. No room key will be issued until this requirement is met. This vaccine is highly recommended for all other students as well. All college students should receive a meningococcal meningitis booster at age 16 or older.

2. Additional immunizations are recommended, but not required, including Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap), Meningitis B, Hepatitis A, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).
3. Students must submit proper documentation of their immunizations signed and dated by their health care provider, along with complete health forms to Student Health Services. Failure to comply with these required immunizations by the published deadlines will result in late fees and a "Wellness Hold" placed on the student's account. This hold will prevent the student from receiving grades or registering for additional courses until the requirements are completed.
  - a. These requirements are in effect every term you are registered (regardless of full-time or part-time study).
  - b. It is expected that students will be in compliance before classes begin; however, if you are not in compliance by eight weeks into the semester, you risk losing your registration in future classes and delaying the completion of your academic program. (You will also be financially responsible for any coursework for which you are already registered that term even if future registration is barred or dropped.)
  - c. Any time there is a registration status changes from part-time to full-time students may also have to meet additional requirements. Contact Student Health Services if there is a question regarding immunization requirements.
  - d. Please review the information and forms (including deadlines) available at [edu/healthforms](http://edu/healthforms).
  - e. Questions about these requirements should be directed to [wellnesscenter@rowan.edu](mailto:wellnesscenter@rowan.edu).
4. Student Health Services has responsibility to ensure immunization requirements have been submitted by all new students prior to the start of each semester. SHS maintains internal policies to address communication of noncompliance, penalties for noncompliance and state reporting.