

**1. Who is required to comply with the immunization law?**

North Carolina law requires all entering students to submit proof of required immunizations to maintain enrollment at the University. Exemptions include the following:

- Students registered only for off campus courses
- Students only attending classes scheduled at 3:30pm or later
- Students enrolled in weekend classes
- Students taking a course load of four credit DAY hours or less per semester.

If a student lives in ON-CAMPUS Housing NONE of the exemptions apply.

If at any time a student previously exempted changes to on-campus courses, a course load of more than four credit day hours, or becomes an on-campus resident, required immunizations must be submitted at that time.

**2. What are the immunization requirements?**

VACCINE REQUIRED <small>(REVIEW ALL FOOTNOTES BELOW)</small>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, and/or Pertussis <sup>1</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	Measles <sup>3</sup>	Mumps <sup>4</sup>	Rubella <sup>5</sup>
DOSES REQUIRED	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**FOOTNOTE <sup>1</sup>**- DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis), DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis), Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis): 3 doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid of which **one must have been within the past 10 years.**

Those individuals enrolling in college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008 must have had three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid and a booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine if a tetanus/diphtheria toxoid and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine has not been administered with the past 10 years.

**FOOTNOTE <sup>2</sup>**- An individual attending school who has attained his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is not required to receive polio vaccine.

**FOOTNOTE <sup>3</sup>**- Measles vaccines are not required if any of the following occur: Physician diagnosis of disease prior to January 1, 1994; An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against measles and **submits the lab report**; or An individual born prior to 1957. An individual who enrolled in college or university for the first time before July 1, 1994 is not required to have a second dose of measles vaccine.

**FOOTNOTE <sup>4</sup>**- Mumps vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against mumps and **submits the lab report**; An individual born prior to 1957; or Enrolled in college or university for the first time before July 1, 1994. An individual entering college or university prior to July 1, 2008 is not required to receive a second dose of mumps vaccine.

**FOOTNOTE <sup>5</sup>**- Rubella vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: 50 years of age or older; Enrolled in college or university before February 1, 1989 and after their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday; An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against rubella and **submits the lab report**.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS and/or non-US Citizens:** Vaccines are required as noted above. Additionally, these students are required to have a TB skin test administered with a negative result within the 12 months proceeding the first day of classes (chest x-ray required if test is positive).

### 3. Do I need a TB skin Test?

Most international students and students who have traveled abroad in the past five years are required to have a TB skin test within the past 12 months.

### 4. Does UNC Charlotte require me to have a health physical in order to be enrolled?

While some universities do require a physical exam, UNC Charlotte does NOT. This may, however, be a good opportunity to consult with your healthcare provider regarding any health concerns you may have. Consulting with your healthcare provider regarding other recommended vaccinations may also be a good idea.

### 5. Where do I get a copy of the Immunization Form?

You should have received a copy of the form with your admissions information. The form is also available for download at [www.studenthealth.uncc.edu](http://www.studenthealth.uncc.edu) . If you are unable to download this form, we would be happy to send you a copy upon your request to our Immunizations Department at the Student Health Center. Please call 704-687-7424

### 6. I have copies of my immunization records, but they are on different forms. Is it OK to send these copies instead of the immunizations form the University provided?

It is acceptable to submit legible copies of immunization records from any healthcare provider as long as the record has a valid clinic stamp or your healthcare provider's signature. Be sure your records have your name, date of birth, and your assigned University ID number clearly printed on each page. Remember to make a copy of all documents to keep for your records

### 7. I got all the shots I was supposed to get when I was little. That's all I need, right?

While most of the required immunizations were given in early childhood, you may need to update a few for compliance with the Immunizations Law. The most common immunization missing for students entering the university is a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis). This booster vaccine should be given every ten years. If you do require this updated booster the state law now requires you to get the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine so that you will be protected from pertussis (whooping cough) as well as tetanus.

8. I served in the military. Do I still need proof of my immunizations? I know they gave me a bunch of shots.

Thank you for your service. Yes, the state requires records that document immunizations were given. Even though you may have received numerous vaccinations while in service, these records often do not include documentation of childhood immunizations. We would be happy to review any military records you have for compliance with the NC Immunization Law. Once reviewed, we can advise you of any missing immunizations.

9. I am over 50 years old. Do I have to submit my immunization records?

Yes, state law does not exempt students from immunization requirements based on age. After reviewing the immunization requirements if you need further explanation regarding exactly what is required of you, please contact us for clarification. We would be happy to help.

10. Where should I look for records of my immunizations?

Records are most often available at one of the following locations.

- Elementary School Records
- High School Transcripts
- Personal Records of Shots given (must have valid clinic stamp or health care provider signature)
- Military Records
- World Health Organization Records
- Health Department: For NC counties contact info please visit: [www.ncalhd.org/county.htm](http://www.ncalhd.org/county.htm).
- Your Private Physician's Office
- For tips in finding immunization records from other states, please visit: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-state-iis.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-state-iis.htm).

11. My immunization records were on my high school transcript. My high school sent my transcript to the University during the admissions process. That's all that needs to be done, right?

No. You must submit your immunizations records directly to the Student Health Center for review. Transcripts sent during the admission process are used for the purposes of admission only. You may request that your high school send a copy of your immunization records that may be included on your transcript. Have your high school mail those to you. You may bring or mail them into the Student Health Center for review. You may also have your high school mail those records directly to us. Make request for your records early so that if they are not complete you will have time to obtain further documentation from other places or receive the immunization needed. Remember your high school records are not guaranteed to have all the required immunizations.

**12. I am transferring from another university. Do they automatically send you the Immunization Record that is required?**

No, your records will only be sent by your request. Contact your previous university (usually the Student Health Service) and request that your immunization records be mailed to us. Remember when requesting records from another health center, health department, high school, or other healthcare provider to allow ample time for the request to be processed. With all records, please confirm that all requirements have been met as updates are sometimes required to meet the law.

**13. I asked my doctors office to send you my immunization records. Why have I received a notice indicating I am not in compliance with the law?**

There are several possible reasons why you would have received a notice. It is advised that you contact the Student Health Center Immunizations Department to confirm that your records have been received at the Student Health Center and are complete.

**14. How can I contact the Immunizations Department at the Student Health Center?**

Information about the immunization requirements, downloadable forms, as well as information on services the health center provides can be found at [www.studenthealth.uncc.edu](http://www.studenthealth.uncc.edu) . Other contact information is listed below.

Phone: 704-687-7424

Email: [immuinfo@uncc.edu](mailto:immuinfo@uncc.edu)

Address: UNC Charlotte Student Health Center  
Immunizations Department  
9201 University City Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

Please note that during high volume periods (closer to deadlines) our staff will continue responding to all students visiting, calling, and mailing/emailing us for information; it may however, take longer for us to provide services as there are more people to serve. We do appreciate your patience as we want to give each student the attention she or he deserves. You can avoid all of these delays if you submit records early.

**15. What about a fax number? I want to have my records faxed to the Health Center.**

Because faxed records are often illegible or incomplete, we do NOT accept faxed records. We gladly accept mailed records at the address listed above. You may also bring your records with you to your SOAR session. We will have immunizations staff on hand to review and accept records which are complete. We can advise you of any missing immunizations at that time. Look for us at CHECK IN and/or the RESOURCE FAIR.

Please remember to place your name, date of birth, and student ID number on each page of your records. Be sure to keep a copy of all records you submit.

16. When are my immunization records due?

Immunization records are due when you are admitted to the university and should be submitted to the Student Health Center for **review by the first day of class** according to the state law. Failure to comply with the law does result in being dropped from classes and losing on-campus housing if applicable. It may take extended lengths of time to obtain records from other facilities and to complete requirements so you are advised to submit your records immediately upon learning of your admission to the University.

17. Besides the immunizations that the state requires are there other vaccines I should consider for maintaining good health?

Yes, depending on things like your health status, recent travel, gender, living arrangement, and age; other immunizations should be considered. Vaccines for the prevention of Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV (Human Papilloma Virus), Meningitis, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Mumps, and/or Varicella may be a good idea for you. You should speak with your health care provider, health department, or the Immunizations Department staff at the Student Health Center to determine what immunizations may be appropriate for you.

18. I need to get a copy of the immunization record I submitted to the Student Health Center. Who do I contact and how much does it cost?

We advise students to keep copies of all records of immunizations received, but if you do find you need a copy of your immunization records, our medical records department would be glad to help you with that request. There is no cost for obtaining your immunization record.

Students who wish to request a copy of their medical records must sign a request (**Authorization for Release of Medical Information**) stating the reason for the request and what person/agency is to receive the information. Forms take **5 - 7 business days** to be processed. All releases must be signed by the patient. For further information, call 704-687-7192.