Student Immunization History Form FAQs

Why do you need the information requested on the Student Immunization History form?
These vaccinations are required to proactively address emerging health threats to a student residential population in a higher education campus setting, and to protect the overall health, safety, and welfare of the NYUAD campus and community.

What happens if I do not provide the immunization information?
To ensure that your health is at minimum risk from an outbreak, we must enforce the NYUAD immunization requirements. Students who fail to comply will be have a Registrar hold placed on their accounts, and they will not be able to register for classes until compliant.

Are all the vaccines required?
The required vaccinations are 2 MMR vaccines and a meningococcal vaccine within the past 5 years. Given the high likelihood that you will be traveling during your years at NYUAD, we strongly advise that you receive as many of the listed vaccinations as possible, but they are not required.

How do I get my vaccination record?
There are several sources, including but not limited to the following: your childhood immunization record may be with your parents; your doctor or clinic should have records; the health authority in your country may keep records; schools often have records. If you cannot locate any records, you can either repeat the vaccines or have your doctor check for immunity (through laboratory confirmation). There is no immunity test for the meningitis vaccine. You will need to receive another dose if you do not have documentation of a dose within the past 5 years.

What if I only have my immunization information in an Immunization Record Card or baby book from my pediatrician?
We will accept official information as long as it is signed and stamped by a clinician or the office that issued the record. If the documentation is not stamped and signed, you can take the Student Immunization History form and take the vaccination records to a medical provider and have the form filled out, signed and stamped by a medical provider.

If I have my own copy of health and immunization records, is it still necessary to complete the Student Immunization History form?
Yes. You must fill out the appropriate form and upload the form to the Student Portal.

If my records are in a foreign language, do I need to get certification of vaccination in English?
Yes. We ask that you provide a translation of your immunization records if they are not in English. You may want to contact your local ministry of health to see if they can issue you an international vaccination certificate in English.

What if I cannot receive my required vaccinations by the specified deadline? Or if I receive additional vaccinations after I have already uploaded my form?
Please make every effort to complete your vaccinations and upload the vaccination form by the required deadline. If you have an incomplete record, you should still upload a signed/stamped form as close to the deadline date as possible. You can upload a revised form after the deadline, but you will be unable to edit the immunizations after the web-form is submitted. You do not need to contact us about late submissions. Bring a completed/updated form to the Health and Wellness Center within your first week of arrival to NYUAD. We will update your records at that time.
What is meant by 2 MMRs?
MMR is an immunization vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). It is generally administered in childhood after the first birthday, with a second dose before starting school (i.e. age 4/5). The second dose of MMR can be given as early as 4 weeks (28 days) after the first dose and is considered a valid dose if both doses were given after the child’s first birthday. The second dose is not a booster, but rather is intended to produce immunity in the small number of people who fail to respond to the first dose.

You can satisfy this requirement with 2 MMR vaccines; 2 individual vaccines of each- measles, mumps and rubella; or 1 MMR and 1 each of measles, mumps and 1 individual dose of rubella vaccines. Alternatively, your healthcare provider can order laboratory confirmation of immunity for each- measles, mumps and rubella.

In the event that my measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) records are not available and cannot be located, what do I need to do?
Two options are available. You may take the vaccinations again or you may take a blood test (MMR titers). The blood test will indicate whether you have positive immunity or not. If you do not have positive immunity, then vaccinations will be necessary. Please note that titers are generally not covered by insurance and vary in expense.

Is it safe to get another MMR vaccine if I have already received 2 vaccines but don’t have documentation?
In general, although it is not ideal, receiving extra doses of the MMR vaccine poses no medical problem. Alternatively, your healthcare provider can order laboratory confirmation of immunity for each- measles, mumps and rubella. If you lack immunity to any of the 3 illnesses, you should receive the combination MMR vaccine.

Which Meningitis vaccine should I receive?
Incoming NYUAD students are required to receive the MCV4 vaccine prior to attending school to combat bacterial meningitis (meningococcal disease). You should receive the quadrivalent (MCV4) vaccine, which protects against serogroups A, C, W, and Y.

What should I do if the meningitis vaccine is not available in my country?
We strongly urge you to receive the required vaccinations prior to arrival at NYUAD, but recognize that there are a few countries where these vaccinations are not available. In this case, we can provide the vaccinations at the Health and Wellness Center. Please make an appointment within your first week of arrival.

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