

Thaddeus Stevens College

Student Policy on Immunizations

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

All incoming TSCT students are strongly advised to meet the CDC and American College Health Association immunization guidelines prior to starting Classes.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:

Meningococcal (Meningitis): All TSCT students living on campus are required by Pennsylvania law to have two doses of meningitis vaccine before moving into dorms. This is required for all on-campus residents. Strongly recommended for all other students.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: all students born on or after January 1, 1957 are advised to have MMR.

Tetanus-Diphtheria: All students are advised to receive the basic primary series of three doses of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid, usually given in infancy and must have a Td or Tdap booster within the past 10 years.

***Waiver forms are available to those students who have a strong personal objection to vaccination with one or more of the required vaccines. If there is a communicable disease outbreak that occurs, those who are not properly vaccinated or have a waiver due to a personal or religious belief will be the first to be asked to leave campus for their own safety.

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS:

Hepatitis B: All students are strongly advised to receive a series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations (an initial dose, followed by a dose at 1-2 months of age and a dose 4-6months or later).

Varicella (Chicken Pox): All students without a history of Varicella (chicken pox) disease are advised to receive two doses of the vaccine given at least one month apart.

SUBMITTING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:

Documentation of immunizations require a signature of your medical provider. Forms then must be returned to the college's Health Services Department, 750 East King Street, Lancaster Pa 17603, Main Campus, Brenner Hall prior to start date.

Students attending classes more than thirty (30) days from the first day of scheduled classes for that semester without having complied with these requirements, will be subject to being de-enrolled from classes and/or prohibited from entering any campus buildings/facilities, including residence halls, until they have submitted the required documentation or can provide a valid reason for non-compliance.

EXCEPTION TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT:

1. If a licensed physician or nurse practitioner certifies that such immunization is detrimental to the student's health or otherwise medically contraindicated.
2. If immunization is contrary to the student's genuine and sincere religious beliefs.
3. If a student is born prior to January 1, 1957 that student does not need to provide proof of immunization to measles, mumps and rubella because they are considered to have developed immunity.