

Important!
Do Not Delay!

Immunization Form
REQUIRED
for you to proceed
with Registration
at USF

Obtaining proof of immunization may be
a time consuming process, so start now!

1. USF will accept the official State of Florida Immunization Form (Form 680) issued by local health departments and physicians' offices, in conjunction with completing the personal information and signing the Immunization Health History form.
2. Based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation USF requires that all students living in USF Housing be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis. The vaccine, Menactra™, and any other needed immunizations are available at Student Health Services on the Tampa Campus.

Instructions for USF Immunization Health History Form

In compliance with University of South Florida Policy #33-002

Name/ Phone Block – Print all information legibly or complete on line and print form to sign.

Section A – Measles and Rubella immunizations required for **EVERYONE** born after December 31, 1956. Any combination of two doses of measles and one dose of rubella within the following parameters will satisfy this requirement.

1. **MMR** – This combination vaccine is often given as a protection from Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Two doses are required for entry into USF. (1) One must have been received at 12 months of age or later and in 1971 or later. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days after the first dose.

OR

2. **Measles** (Rubeola) –
 - Two doses are required for entry into USF. (1) One must have been received at 12 months of age or later and in 1968 or later. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days after the first dose.
 - Immunity may also be verified by a copy of laboratory (serologic) test known as a titer (IgG rubeola titer). The date of the laboratory test should be noted in the box marked titer and a copy of the lab report must be attached.
 - Immunity may also be verified by a written, dated statement signed by a physician on his/her stationery that specifies the date seen and stating that the person has had an illness characterized by a generalized rash lasting three (3) or more days, a fever of 101° Fahrenheit or greater, a cough, and conjunctivitis, and in the physician's opinion is diagnosed to have had the 10 day measles (rubeola).

AND

3. **Rubella** (German Measles) –
 - One dose of Rubella is required for entry into USF given at age 12 months or later and in 1969 or later.
 - Immunity may also be verified by a copy of laboratory (serologic) test known as a titer (IgG rubella titer). The date of the laboratory test should be noted in the box marked titer and a copy of the lab report must be attached.

Section B – **ALL STUDENTS** are required to read the following information about Hepatitis B and Meningitis and make a choice to receive the vaccines or decline receipt of the vaccines. **Students living in USF Housing MUST be vaccinated against Meningitis. No room will be assigned without proof of vaccination.** This choice **REQUIRES** a signature.

Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease caused by the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) that can lead to chronic liver disease, liver cancer or death. It can be spread through contact with blood or body fluids of an infected person. Fifty percent of people with hepatitis B have no symptoms (but can infect others). Symptoms can include fever, poor appetite, fatigue, joint pain, nausea and vomiting. Some individuals also have yellowing of the skin (jaundice). Seventy five percent of cases occur in individuals between ages 15 and 39. More information about Hepatitis B is available through the following websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/b/fact.htm>

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hepatitisb.html>

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare, possibly life-threatening infection causing inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. The symptoms can include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, and profound fatigue (lethargy). The symptoms are severe and progress rapidly. This disease is spread by direct contact with infected individuals. It has been found that certain social aspects of college life appear to be risk factors in acquiring the infection. These practices include living and working in close proximity to each other, smoking and second hand smoke, excessive alcohol consumption and bar patronage.

The vaccine that is available will protect against four of the five strains of the disease and creates protective levels of antibodies in 90% of the adults studied. Protection lasts for at least 5 years. Side effects are mild and infrequent – usually just redness and swelling at the injection site for a day or two. More information about meningococcal meningitis is available through the following websites:

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/000680.htm>

4. **Meningitis** - Provide the date of vaccination if you have been vaccinated (or are planning to live in USF Housing) or check the declination box. Date must be accompanied by authorized signature or attached documentation.
5. **Hepatitis B** - Provide the date of vaccination if you have been vaccinated or check the declination box.

SIGNATURE IN SECTION B IS MANDATORY. YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT PROCEED UNLESS THIS SECTION IS SIGNED BY STUDENT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN

Section C – Reminder that Meningitis vaccination is **REQUIRED** for all residents of USF Housing.

Section D – An MD office, clinic, or health department “official stamp” **AND** an authorized signature must be included for this document to be complete and approved. Alternate acceptable records which may be attached to this form include health department records, official State of Florida Immunization Form (Form 680), doctor's records or school records.

Section E - A signature of parent or guardian **MUST** be included here if the student is under the age of 18.

Submit to: Student Health Services, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Ave., SHS100, Tampa, FL 33620-6750

Tel: 813-974-4056 Fax: 813-974-5888

Additional Information

- The documented date of immunizations for measles and rubella should indicate the day, month and year. However, only month and year will suffice if the month and year indicate that the immunization was given at least 13 months after the month of birth.
- Please contact the Immunization Department at 813-974-4056 to request temporary medical and/or religious exemptions.

Checklist for USF Immunization Clearance

If you can check all the boxes listed below you are ready to mail or fax your Immunization Health History Form to USF

- All the information is printed and legible
- I included my USF ID Number
- I have listed dates for two measles vaccinations
- I have listed a date for one rubella vaccination
- I have listed a date for one Meningitis vaccination and signed Section B **OR** declined the vaccine and signed Section B (unless I will live in USF Housing)
- I have listed a date for at least one Hepatitis B vaccination of the series and signed Section B **OR** declined the vaccine and signed Section B
- If I intend to live in USF housing, I have listed a date for my Meningitis vaccination
- I am currently under the age of 18 and my parent/guardian has signed Section B **AND** Section E (Consent for Minors)
- My doctor's office or clinic has officially "stamped" the form or the alternate proof attached
- An authorized health professional's signature is in place on the form or alternate proof

Send or FAX the one page Immunization Health History Form at least three (3) weeks prior to your Orientation visit to:

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**IF YOUR IMMUNIZATION HISTORY IS INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE
YOUR USF REGISTRATION MAY BE DELAYED OR EVEN BLOCKED**